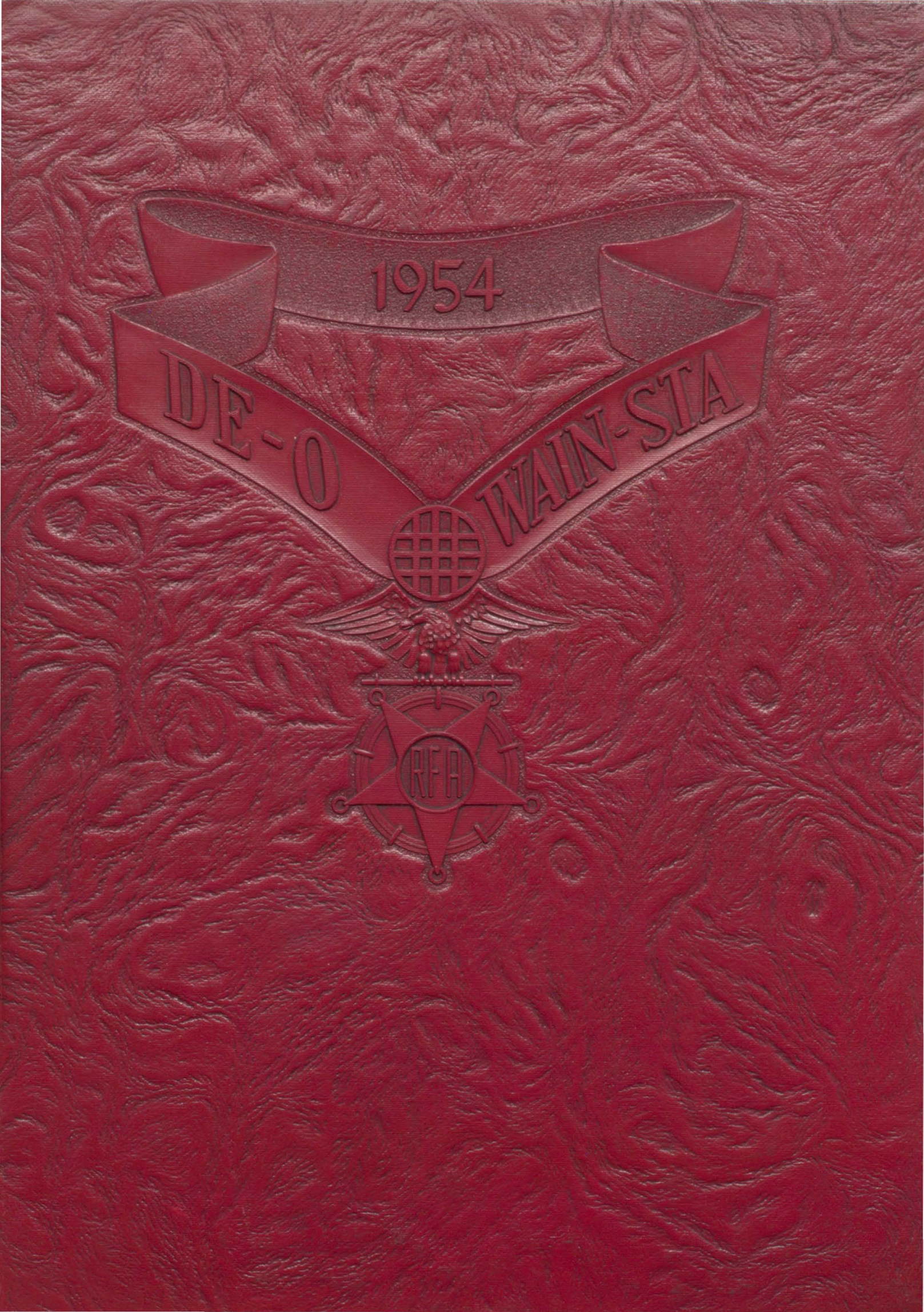
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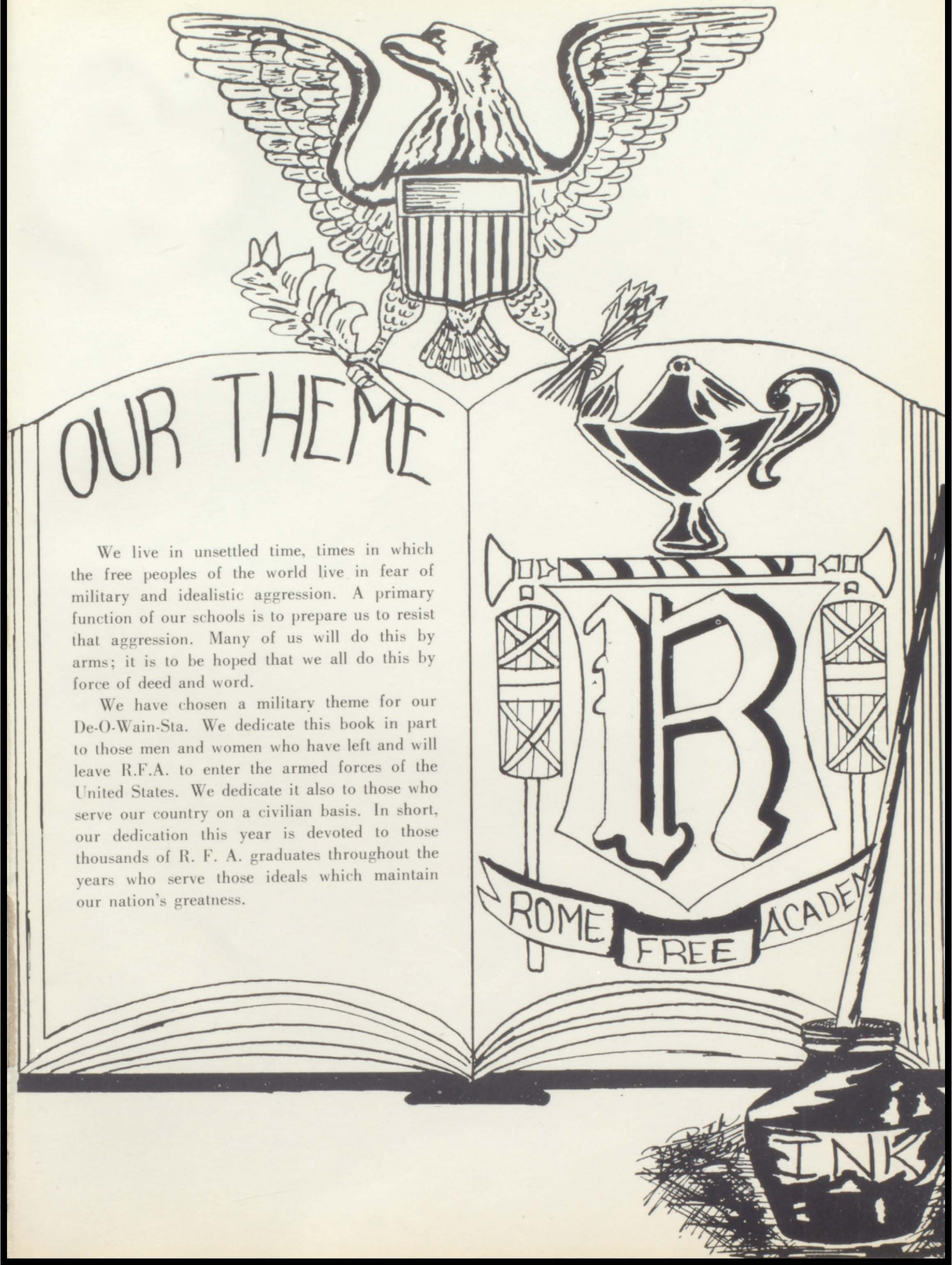


OUR THEME

We live in unsettled time, times in which the free peoples of the world live in fear of military and idealistic aggression. A primary function of our schools is to prepare us to resist that aggression. Many of us will do this by arms; it is to be hoped that we all do this by force of deed and word.

We have chosen a military theme for our De-O-Wain-Sta. We dedicate this book in part to those men and women who have left and will leave R.F.A. to enter the armed forces of the United States. We dedicate it also to those who serve our country on a civilian basis. In short, our dedication this year is devoted to those thousands of R. F. A. graduates throughout the years who serve those ideals which maintain our nation's greatness.

THE
CLASS
OF
1954
PRESENTS
ITS

Alma Mater

To thee, R.F.A.
Our allegiance we bring
With truth and loyalty.
As comrades we come
With our minds seeking light
And our spirits bold and free.
O, dear Alma Mater,
We will honor thee more and more;
So teach us to be true to thee,
Alma Mater, R.F.A.

Words and Music by John O. Lundblad

DE-O-WAIN-STA

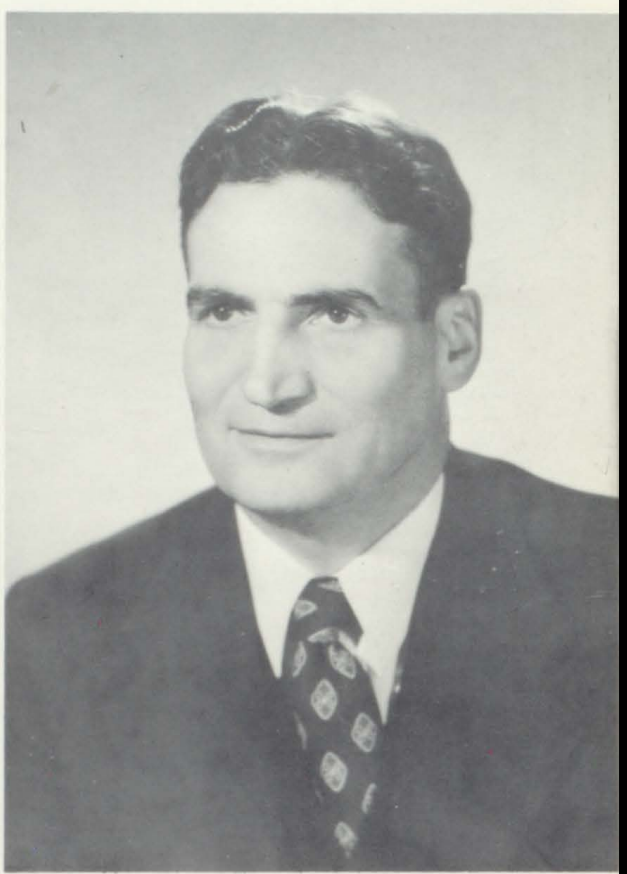
ROME FREE ACADEMY

ROME, NEW YORK

Chiefs of Staff

MR. STROUGH
Superintendent of Schools

To the class of 1953, greetings! Your diploma represents an achievement of which you should be proud. Yet you should temper your pride with humility, for the real test is in your future — how will you use your education?



MR. PAIGE
Principal

It is our hope that the knowledge which you have acquired will give you confidence in the future and that the ideals that you have formed will help you to be satisfied with only the best. May the experiences provided here serve to encourage you to always seek a better way to fulfill your ambitions.

MR. WHITTEMORE
Assistant Principal

Be it on land, on sea, or in the air, may you be the happier, the more successful, the better men and women because of your boot training at R.F.A.

Miss Geyh, Mr. Wessing
Guidance

Miss Clark, Mrs. White
Homemaking

Mr. Kitchell, Mrs. Hubbell
Art

Officers of The Line

Mr. Wise, Mrs. Feickert
Music

Miss Barnard, Miss Stauring
Foreign Language

Miss Riley
Science

Miss Wolzmuth, Dr. Levitan
Health

Mrs. Moe, Mr. Moe
Business

Mr. Auchmoody
Printing

Miss Clarke
Foreign Language

Miss Austin, Miss Luce
English

Miss Kingsley
English and Co-ordinator of Extra-curricular Activities

Miss Eysaman, Miss Mittenmaier
Citizenship

Officers

Mr. Harvey, Mr. Briggs
Citizenship

Mr. Ball, Mrs. Wolf
Citizenship

Mr. Hayes, Mr. Mammone
Citizenship

Mr. Manwaring
Auto Mechanics

Mr. Palombi, Miss Ullrich
Science and Mathematics

Mr. Freeland, Mr. Lowerre
English

# of The Line

Mrs. Pelkey
Librarian

Mrs. Graves
Homemaking

Miss Owens, Mrs. Davison
Clerks

Miss Blood
German and Mathematics

Mrs. Watters, Mrs. Bates
English

Officers of The Line

Mrs. Woods, Miss Temple
Mrs. Copia, Mrs. Herlehy
Business

Mr. Richardson
Driving

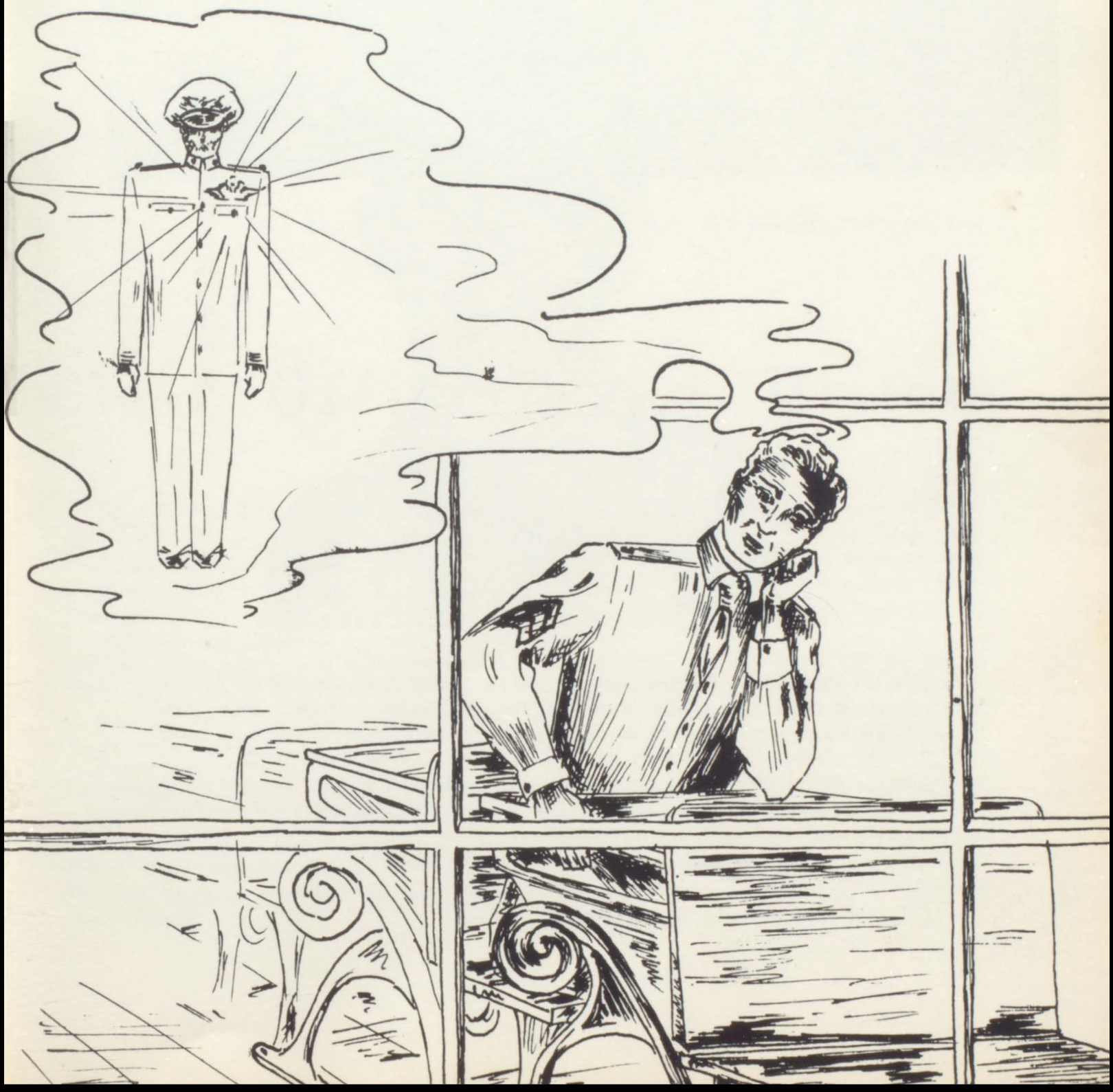
Mr. Knudsen, Mr. Dorsino
Mathematics

Mr. Wightman
Physical Education

Mr. Hagerty
Speech

Mr. Smith, Mr. Beers
Custodians

SENIORS

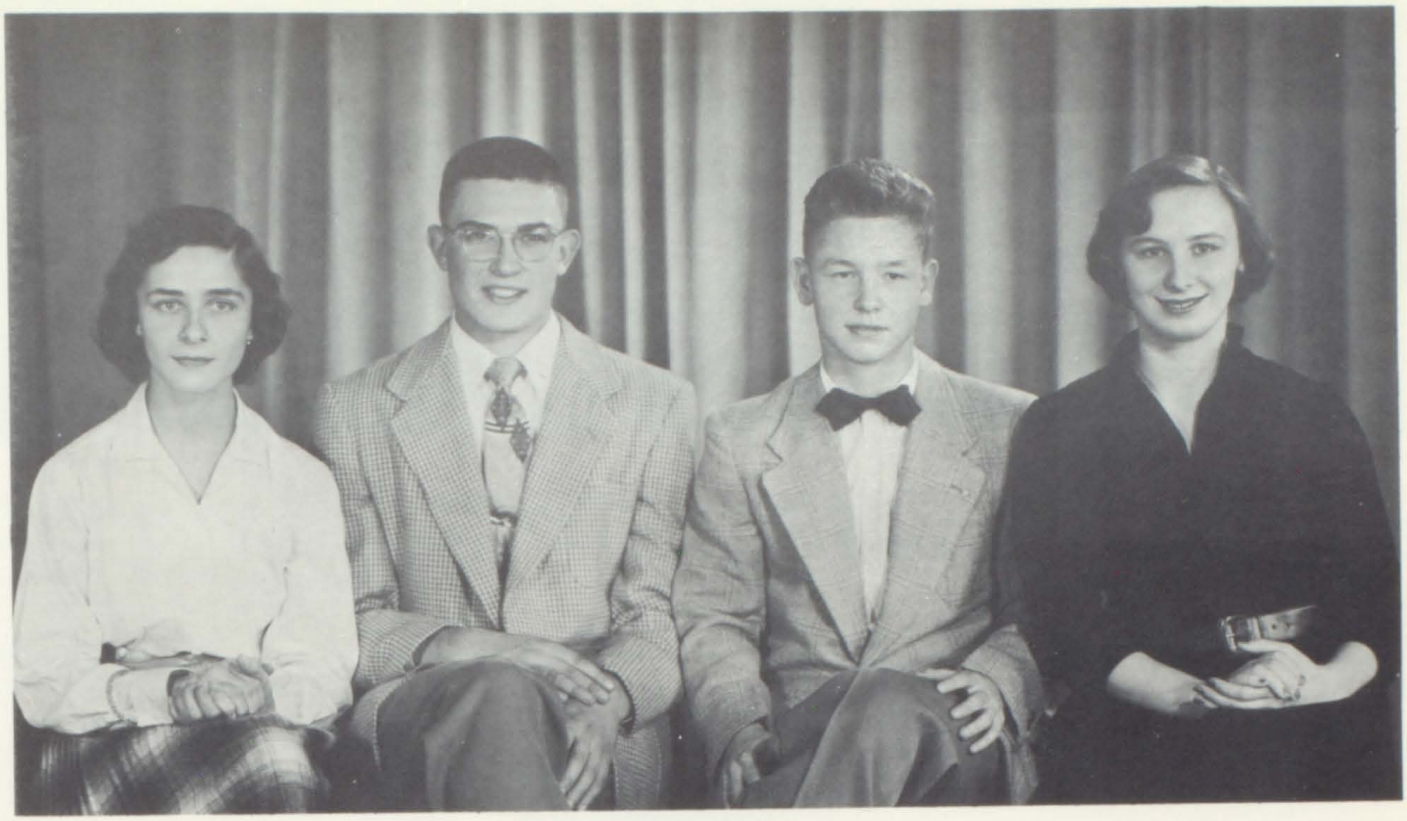


In Memoriam

JOE BORDEN

It was with the deepest sorrow that the student body heard of the death of one of Rome Free Academy's most popular students, Joseph Borden. Joe's student life was equally expressed in all its phases; it included participation in student government, clubs, and many sports. Joe's presence will be missed by all.

It is with the most profound sincerity and humility that we offer this portion of our De-O-Wain-Sta in memory of Joe. Our fond remembrances of this loyal friend will remain with us through the coming years.



Front Row, left to right: Leila Haywood (*Secretary*), Dick Lenio (*President*), Fred Dion (*Vice-President*), Anne Barnard (*Treasurer*).

Class Officers and History

The class of 1951 began its sophomore year at R.F.A. with the election of Richard Dorsino, President; Richard Lenio, Vice-President; Kay Lavarnway, Secretary; and Sheila O'Shea, Treasurer.

The traditional Christmas decorating of the halls was done with a note of originality. A Christmas tree was placed over the front entrance in the arch, and the Nativity scene was placed in the trophy case.

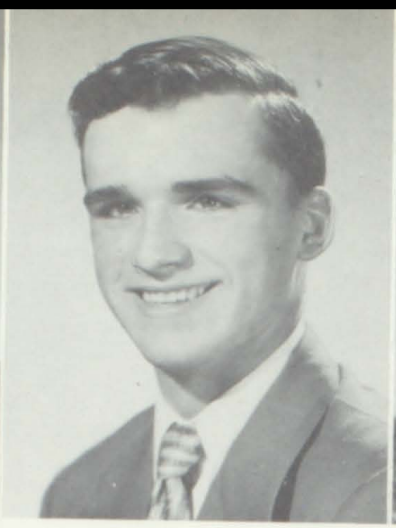
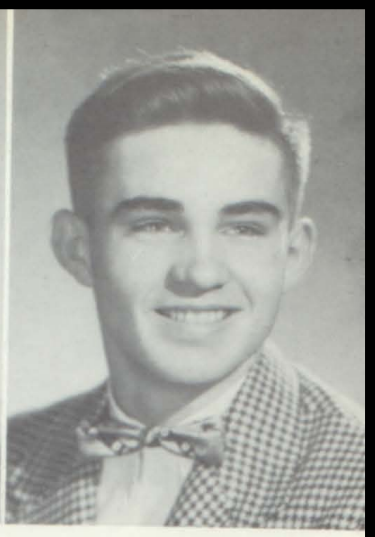
In our sophomore year we put on two dances, both extremely successful. These were the "Sophomore First" and the "Stardust" dances.

Our junior class officers were as follows: Robert Jones, President; Joseph Borden, Vice-President; Kay Lavarnway, Secretary; and Patricia Rhein, Treasurer.

The highlight of our second year at R.F.A. was the Junior Prom, held in the R.F.A. gym. With "A Garden in the Rain" as the theme, many couples danced to the music of Wes Teelin's band. Our junior year ended with the choosing of our class rings.

Our senior year was begun with the task of assembling material for the 1954 De-O-Wain-Sta, and the Senior Play cast began practicing for the comedy "Not for Sale," under the direction of Mrs. Bates.

Rounding out our high school activities, there came in rapid succession Moving-Up Day, the Senior Ball, and that long awaited event, Graduation Day. In June of 1954 we graduated from Rome Free Academy, taking with us many cherished and never to be forgotten memories.

AFFANATA, SHIRLEY *"Shirley"*
F.H.A.; Library Council; Art Club; Archery Club; Gym Leaders Club; Square Dance Club.

ALLEN, RICHARD *"Dick"*
Intramural Basketball.

ALBRECHT, WILLIAM *"Bill"*

AMIDON, ROBERT *"Bob"*

DONE MOST FOR R. F. A.

ANDERSON, CONSTANCE *"Connie"*
Cheering Section; Red Cross Representative; Square Dancing Club; Basketball; Volleyball.

BADOLATO, FRANCIS *"Francis"*

ANDERSON, JEANNETTE *"Blondie"*
Cheering Section; Basketball; De-O-Wain-Sta Editorial Staff; Jr. Prom Comm.; Assembly Usher; Veritas Vincit; Election Day Worker; Senior Play Stage Comm.

BAK, ANNE *"Anne"*
B.S.I.; Hockey; Library Council; Glee Club; Square Dancing Club; Cheering Section; German Club.

BARNARD, LAURA ANNE *"Anne"*
Veritas Vincit; B.S.I.; Assembly Usher; Senior Class Treas.; Moving-Up Day; Cheering Section.

BARONE, MARY ANN *"Chip"*
F.H.A.; Cheering Section; Square Dancing Club.

BARNES, ELLEN *"El"*
Library Staff; De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

BENEDETTO, MICHAEL *"Mike"*
Band.

BERGSTROM, DEANE *"Deano"*
Ice Hockey; B.S.I.; Marching Band; Jr. Election.

BETTINGER, LOIS *"Babe"*
Glee Club; Swingers; Gym Leaders; Cheering Section; Christmas Decorating Comm.; Square Dancing Club.

BERTRAND, CLIFFORD *"Cliff"*
Hockey; Football; Baseball; Intramural Basketball.

BIONDI, LOUIS *"Lou"*
Football; Baseball.

BIRLEY, MARY *"Mary"*
Cheering Section; Library Council; Square Dancing Club.

BOIKO, DOROTHY *"Dot"*
Basketball; Baseball; Track; Gym Leaders; Volleyball.

BLOOD, RONALD *"Ronnie"*
Projection Club; R.S.I. Reporter; H.R. Vice-President.

BOWMAN, PATRICIA *"Pat"*
F.H.A.

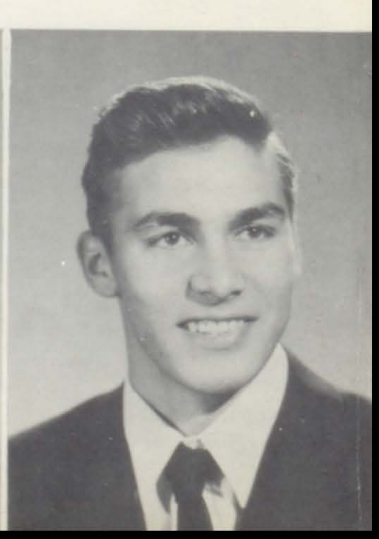
DONE MOST FOR R. F. A.

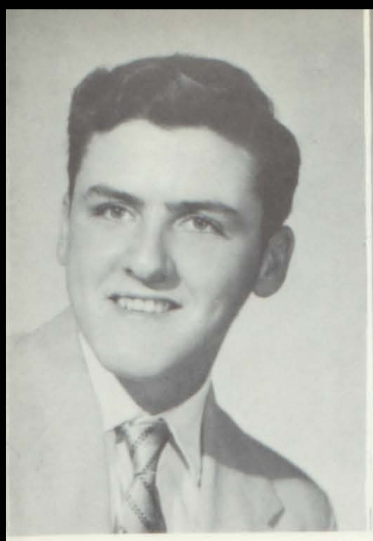
BRADY, RITA *"Charlie"*
Glee Club; F.H.A.; Cheering Section; Art Club; Red Cross Service Club; Business Staff De-O-Wain-Sta.

BROGNANO, FRANK, JR. *"Frank"*
Student Council; Temporary H.R. Chairman.

BRAVO, JEANETTE *"Jeanie"*
Basketball; Baseball; Volleyball.

BROGNANO, JAMES *"Jim"*





BROOKS, FLOYD *"William"*
Intramurals.

BURNS, THOMAS *"Tom"*
Football.

BURGDORF, DANIEL *"Dan"*
Junior Prom Comm.; Jr. Election Comm.; B.S.I.; Track Manager.

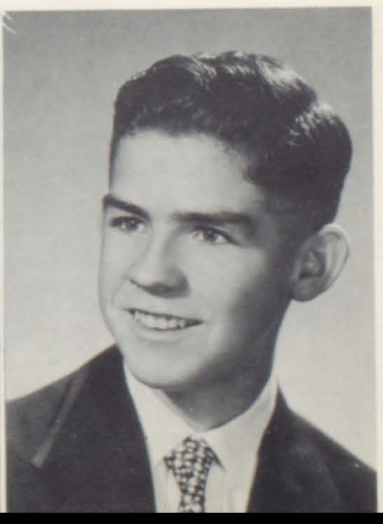
BUSSOLO, DOLORES *"Dee"*
Basketball; Volleyball.

CAMADINE, SALLY *"Sal"*
Red Cross Service Club; Cheering Section; Secca-Types; Junior Prom Committee; Square Dance Club; Editorial Staff De-O-Wain-Sta.

CAMPANARO, LUCILLE *"Lou"*
Soph. Vice Chairman; Basketball; Gym Leader; Christmas Decorating Committee; Polebearer Moving-Up Day.

CAMASTRA, JOSEPHINE *"Jo"*

CAMPBELL, LAWRENCE *"Larry"*



CAMPBELL, MARION *"Marion"*
Softball; Red Cross Rep.; Jr. Prom Committee; Square Dance Club.

CAPORILLI, RICARDO *"Rickey"*
Bowling.

CAMPBELL, RONALD *"Beans"*
B.S.I.; Concert Band; Marching Band; Glee Club; Drum Major; JV Baseball; V Baseball; Soph. Dance Comm.; Christmas Decoration Committee.

CAPPARELLI, MICHAEL *"Mike"*
Wrestling; Dramatics Club.

CLASS FLIRT

CARDELLO, MARY ANN *"Peachie"*
Basketball; Volleyball; Archery; Officiating Club; Gym Leaders; Jr. Homeroom Chairman; Red Cross Repr.; F.H.A.; Cheering Section.

CASSELL, ROGER *"Roger"*
Track.

CARRIERI, ANGELO *"Bones"*
Projection Club.

CASTLE, ELIZABETH ANN *"Liz"*
F.H.A.; Dramatics Club; Archery; Art Club; Cheering Section.

CHIACAFERRO, ARLENE *"Chick"*
Cheering Section; Bowling Club; Red Cross Service Club; Red Cross Repr.; Gym Leaders Club; Secca-Types; Basketball; Volleyball; Softball; Editorial Staff De-O-Wain-Sta; Square Dance Club; Officiating Club; B.S.I. Typist; Jr. Vice Chairman; Jr. Prom Committee; Archery Club; F.H.A.; Library Council.

CIANFROCCO, ROSINE *"Ro Ro"*
Basketball; Volleyball; Officiating Club; Gym Leaders; Softball.

CHRIST, BRUCE *"Mort"*
B.S.I. Press Division; B.S.I. Announcer.

CINGRANELLI, FRANK *"Frank"*
Soph. Homeroom President; Bowling Club.

CLARK, GRACE *"Phillopino Gras"*
Glee Club; Moving-Up Day; French Club; Red Cross Service Club; B.S.I.; Assembly Usher; Library Council; Projection Club; Jr. Prom Committee; Cheering Section; Volleyball.

CIULLA, ELAINE *"Elaine"*
Secca-Types; Volleyball; Basketball; Softball.

CLARK, GEORGE *"Junior"*

CLAYTON, MILLICENT *"Midge"*
Soph. Dance Committee; Moving-Up Day; Jr. Prom Committee; Baccalaureate and Commencement Usher; Academaires; Assembly Usher; Veritas Vincit; Senior Play; B.S.I.; Marching Band; Cheering Section, Senior Ring Committee.

CLEMONS, PATRICIA *"Pat"*
Softball.

COLUCCIO, HERBERT *"Herb"*

COCHIS, WILLIAM *"Bill"*
Manager of Hockey Team.

CONSOLE, VIRGINIA *"Ginny"*
Cheering Section.

CLASS FLIRT

CORTESE, FRANK *"Hank"*
Band; Business Staff De-O-Wain-Sta.

DANIELLO, JOANNA *"Jo"*
Gym Leaders; Jr. Homeroom Chairman; Basketball; Volleyball; Cheering Section; Library Council; Moving-Up Day; Soph. Dance Comm.; De-O-Wain-Sta.

D'ALESSIO, FRANCES *"Fran"*
Basketball; Red Cross Service Club; Gym Leader; Decoration Committee Soph.; Moving-Up Day.

DAVIS, JUANITA *"Juanita"*
Library Council; Cheering Section; Secca-Types; Knit Wits; B.S.I. Typist; Business Staff De-O-Wain-Sta; Red Cross Repr.; Square Dance Club.

DAVISON, RICHARD *"Dick"*
B.S.I.; JV Baseball; Baseball; Swingers; Academaires; Glee Club; Marching Band; Concert Band; V-Pres. of Hi-Y; Soph. HR V-Chairman; National Honor Society; Junior Ring Comm.; Junior Prom Comm.; Chair. Soph Dance Comm.; Senior Play; Commencement Usher.

DEMARIO, PHYLLIS *"Phil"*
F.H.A.; Volleyball; Cheering Section; Decoration Comm.

DELPICO, JOSEPH *"Del"*
Projection Club; Sophomore Class Representative.

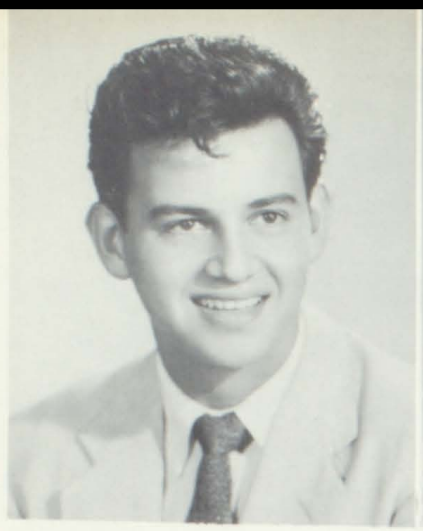
DIBBLE, GRACE *"Gracie"*
Library Council; Softball; Volleyball; Basketball.

DION, FREDERIC *"Fred"*
Football; Baseball; Soph. Dance Comm.; Editor-in-Chief De-O-Wain-Sta; V-Pres. of Senior Class; Hi-Y Chairman of the Board; Hall Decorating Comm.

DORN, ELEANOR *"Ellie"*
Cheering Section; Secca-Types; Red Cross Service Club; Jr. Prom Comm.; Editorial Staff of De-O-Wain-Sta.

DIXON, DELORES *"Dee Dee"*
Gym Leaders; Archery; Officiating.

DORN, ROBERT *"Bob"*



DORSINO, RICHARD *"Dick"*
Pres. Soph. Class; Baseball; Cabinet Member; Marching Band; Concert Band; Hi-Y; Art Staff of De-O-Wain-Sta; Soph. Dance Comm.; Chair. Hall Decorating Comm.

DOUGLAS, HENRY *"Hank"*
Glee Club; Football; Swimming Team; Track; Swingers.

DOUBLEDAY, DIANE *"Diane"*
Student Council Rep.; Veritas Vincit; Assembly Usher; Red Cross Service Club; French Club; B.S.I.; Cheering Section; Student Assoc. Membership Drive.

DUNN, PATRICK *"Pat"*

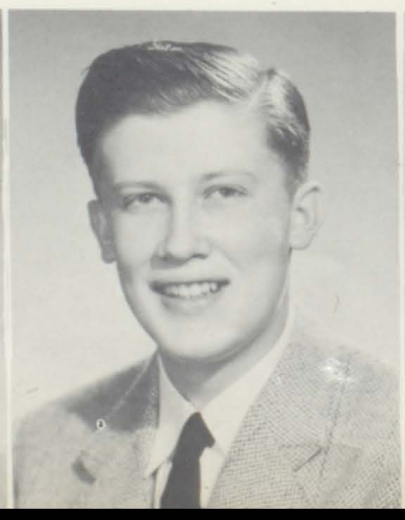
WITTIEST

DURSI, NORMA *"Norm"*
Basketball; Secca-Types; Majorette; Polebearer; De-O-Wain-Sta Typist.

EGGER, GEORGE *"George"*

EGGAN, JACK *"Jack"*

EVANGELIST, RITA *"Re"*
Basketball; Baseball; Polebearer; Volleyball; Gym Leader.



FARONI,,ALEX *"Chuck"*
Basketball; Football.

FENTON, RITA *"Red"*
B.S.I.; Basketball; Volleyball; Cheerleader; Gym Leader; Cheering Section.

FAVATA, LORENZA *"Renie"*
F.H.A.; Library Council.

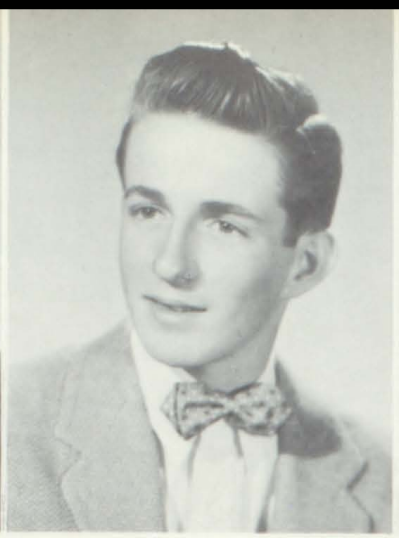
FIORENZA, ANTHONY *"Tony"*
Bowling; Football; Basketball.

FIORENZA, JEANETTE *"Jan"*
Gym Leader; Majorette; Basketball; Volleyball.

FROIO, JOSEPH *"Joe"*

FLEMING, JOHN *"John"*

FUSCO, ARTHUR *"Art"*



FUSCO, ASSUNTA *"Sue"*
Basketball; Cheering Section; Moving-Up Day Comm.; HR Chairman 3 Yrs.; Student Council; Soph. Dance Comm.; Secca-Types; Assembly Usher; Senior Editor of De-O-Wain-Sta; Commencement Usher; Majorette.

GAFNER, DONALD *"Donnie"*

GAFNER, FRED A. *"Fritz"*
President Red Cross; Wrestling Team; Golf Team; Glee Club; Intramural Basketball; Track Team.

GARDNER, CAROL J. *"Shortie"*
Glee Club; Commencement Usher; Junior Dance Comm.; Junior Prom Comm.; De-O-Wain-Sta Activities Staff; Cheering Section; Track; Basketball; Volleyball.

WITTIEST

GIFFORD, DONNA LEE *"Kitty"*
Red Cross Service Club; Secretary Projection Club.

GIARDINO, FRANK *"Gar"*
J.V. Football.

GIARRUSSO, IDA *"Ida"*
Basketball; Volleyball.

GILLETTE, JOANNE *"Jo"*
Senior Play; Field Hockey; Basketball; Volleyball; Track; Swimming Team; Officiating Club; Inter-Club Council; Softball; Secca-Types; Cheering Section; Junior Prom Decorating Comm.

GILLETTE, RALPH *"Ralph"*

GIORDANA, MARIO *"Mudge"*

GLASS, JOHANNA *"Jo Anne"*
F.H.A.; Red Cross Service Club.

GLEASMAN, GEORGE *"George"*

GOCHEE, NANCY *"Nance"*
President Library Council; Cheering Section; Red Cross Service Club; De-O-Wain-Sta Business Staff; Student Association Membership Drive; B.S.I. Typist; F.H.A.

GRAHAM, PATRICIA *"Patty"*
Basketball; Volleyball; Track; Baseball; Assembly Usher; Jr. Dance Comm.; Jr. Prom Comm.; Cheering Section; Commencement Usher; HR V-Chairman; Glee Club; Humor Editor De-O-Wain-Sta.

GREENE, DAVID *"Dave"*
Track; Football; Band.

GREGGAINS, NANCY LOU *"Nan"*
Library Council; Cheering Section; French Club; Archery Club; Officiating Club; Red Cross Service Club; Student Association Membership Drive; Manager Girls' Sports.

GRIFFITHS, BEATRICE *"Beaty"*
Library Council; Cheering Section.

GRIFFO, FRANK *"Frank"*

GUGLIELMO, ANTHONY *"Tony"*
JV Football; JV Baseball; Football; Baseball.

GUGLIELMO, RICHARD *"Dick"*

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

GULLO, ANNA *"Ann"*
Basketball; Volleyball; Baseball; Activity Staff De-O-Wain-Sta.

GWYTHER, DORIS *"De"*
Projection Club; Glee Club; Volleyball; Basketball; Majorette; B.S.I. Typist; Dramatics Club; HR V-Chairman; Cheering Section; Christmas Decorating Comm.

HAHN, RICHARD *"Dick"*

HALL, AUDREY *"Marilyn"*

HANRIGHT, BOB *"Bob"*

HATTER, JIM *"Crazylegs"*
Band; Hi-Y; Football; Wrestling; Track; Volleyball.

HAYWOOD, LEILA *"Sis"*
Secretary Senior Class; HR Chairman; Junior Prom Comm.; Chairman Activity Comm.; Commencement Usher; Marching Band; Concert Band; Election Comm.; B.S.I. Press-Bulletin Board; National Honor Society; Publicity Chairman Senior Play.

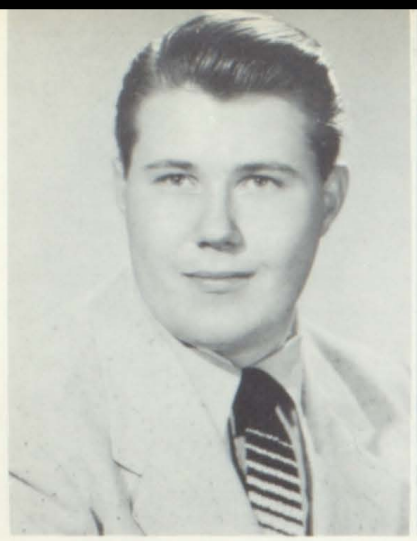
HEALY, M. DONALD *"Don"*
Football; Hockey; Baseball; Basketball.

HIGGINS, GARY *"Duke"*
Projection Club; German Club; Senior Play; President Homeroom.

HERBST, JOHN *"Moe"*
Projection Club; JV Hockey; Hockey.

HERNANDEZ, MARTIN *"Mart"*
Football; Track.

HILDENBRANDT, GAIL *"Gail"*
Red Cross Council; Red Cross Service Club; Soph. Christmas Decorating Comm. Junior Prom Decorating Comm.; Veritas Vincit; De-O-Wain-Sta Humor Staff; Tennis; Basketball; Cheering Section.



HOFFMAN, TERRY *"Hammy"*
Glee Club; Sr. HR Vice-President; Student Teacher; Manager Track Team.

HOJNACKI, MARGARET *"Marg"*
Field Hockey; Basketball; Bowling; Softball; Volleyball.

HUGHES, DAYLE *"Dayle"*

HUGHES, PAUL *"Hughsy"*
Track; Wrestling; Football; Intramural Basketball.

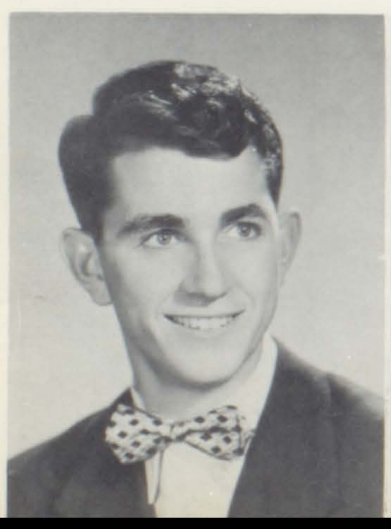
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

HUGHES, WARREN *"Tex"*
Swimming; Projection Club; Cross Country Track; Track Team.

HYDE, HAROLD *"Skip"*
Concert Band; Marching Band; Projection Club; Glee Club.

IANNONE, LOUIS *"Lou"*
Glee Club; Junior Prom Committee; Projection Club.

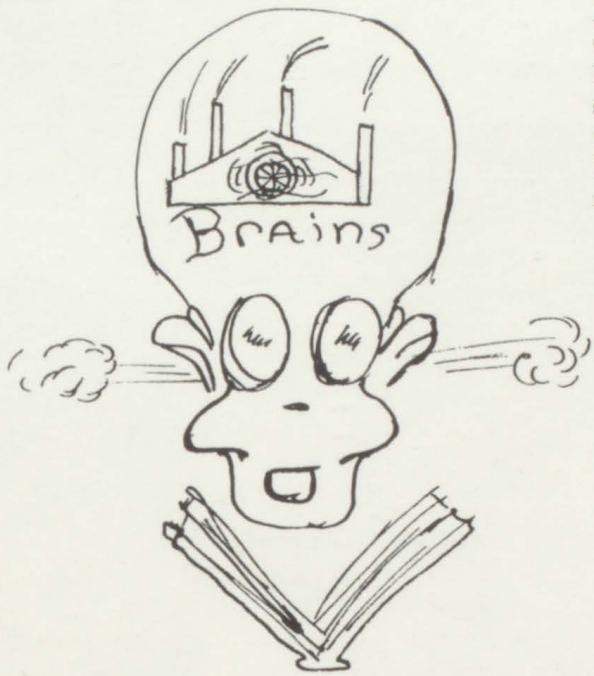
IANNOTTI, ANGELINE *"Angie"*



IZZO, MARY JANE *"M. J."*
Red Cross Service Club; Basketball; Secca Types; Soph. Christmas Decorating Committee; Cheering Section; Glee Club; De-O-Wain-Sta Humor Staff; Majorette.

JOANIS, SHIRLEY *"Shirl"*
Club; Secca-Types; Jr. Prom Committee; De-O-Wain-Sta Club; Secca-Types; Jr. Prom Committee; De-O-Wain-Sta Humor Staff; B.S.I. Typist; Cheering Section; Square Dancing Club.

JAYNES, RICHARD *"Dick"*



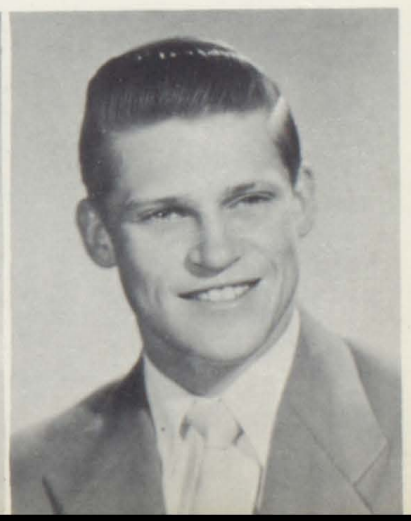
JONES, ROBERT *"Bob"*
Glee Club Accompanist; Marching Band; French Club; Hi-Y; Junior Class President; Election Committee; Assembly Committee; German Club; Graduation Usher; Class Ring Committee; Concert Band; Academaires; Jr. Prom Chairman; Senior Play Staff; Senior Ball Committee; Soph. Christmas Decorating Committee.

JOSLYN, LOUISE *"Lou"*
Vice-President F.H.A.; Student Teacher; Soph. Christmas Decorating Committee.

KIMBALL, PATRICIA *"Pat"*
F.H.A.; Glee Club; Gym Leader; Bowling; Cheering Section; Secca Types.

KELLER, BARBARA *"Barb"*

KIPFER, ERWIN *"Bud"*



KIRK, WALTER *"Walt"*

KLADY, ESTHER *"Esther"*

KIRKLAND, SALLY *"Sal"*
B.S.I. Reporter; Student Association; President of Sr. HR; Secca Types; Inter-Club Council; Jr. Prom Committee; Art Club Pres.; Basketball; Baseball; Gym Leader; Cheering Section.

KRAHL, NANCY *"Nan"*
F.H.A.; Secca Types; Red Cross.

MOST TALKATIVE

Robert Gifford.

LAVARNWAY, KATHRYN *"Kay"*
French Club; B.S.I.; Soph. Class Sec.; Jr. Class Sec.; Jr. Prom Comm.; JV Cheerleader; Veritas Vincit; Student Teacher; Assembly Usher; Commencement, Baccalaureate Usher; Christmas Decorations; Sr. Ring Committee.

Kenneth Dunham.

LAFOUNTAIN, CHERIE *"Cherie"*
Archery; F.H.A.; Cheering Section; Basketball.

LATTANZIO, THERESA *"Tree"*
Basketball; Volleyball; Archery; Gym Leaders; Officiating Club; Cheering Section; F.H.A.; Vice-Chairman HR; Student Teacher.

LENIO, RICHARD *"Dick"*
Football; Hockey; Baseball; Vice-President Soph. Class; Art Editor De-O-Wain-Sta; Senior Class President; Hi-Y; H.R. Chairman.

LEWEK, ARLENE *"Ar"*
Red Cross Rep.; HR Chairman; Knit Wits; Cheering Section; Secca-Types; Gym Leader; Jr. Prom Comm.; Square Dancing Club; Commencement Usher; Soph. Decoration Comm.

LEWIS, SHIRLEY *"Sugar"*

LINK, RICHARD *"Dick"*
De-O-Wain-Sta Business Staff; German Club.

LO MASCOLA, JEANETTE *"Jeanie"*
Volleyball; Student Teacher; Junior Prom Dance Committee; De-O-Wain-Sta; Senior Staff.

LO RUSSO, ISABEL *"Liz"*
Vice-President Archery Club; Basketball; Volleyball; Vice-President Gym Leaders; Officiating Club; Homeroom Chairman; F.H.A.; Cheering Squad.

LUCK, PATRICIA *"Pat"*
Cheering Section; Junior Prom Committee; Square Dancing Club; Dance Committee; De-O-Wain-Sta; Red Cross Representative; Student Teacher.

LUPINSKI, RONALD *"Frenchie"*
Senior Play; De-O-Wain-Sta Art Staff.

LUTZ, JOAN *"Blondie"*
Glee Club; Drum Majorette; Homeroom Vice-Chairman; Assembly Usher; Moving-Up-Day Marshal.

MADONIA, JENNIE *"Jeni"*
Basketball; Volleyball.

MALLONI, DIANA *"Di"*
Knit Wits.

MALORZO, JEANETTE *"Jean"*
Secca-Types; Junior Prom Committee; Student Teacher; Senior Staff De-O-Wain-Sta.

MALORZO, JOSEPH *"Joe"*
Band.

MOST TALKATIVE

MARKS, EDWARD *"Eddie"*
Swimming Team; Glee Club; Swingers; Junior Prom Committee; Junior Ring Committee; Commencement Usher; Amateur Show; B.S.I. Cub Reporter; B.S.I. Press Division; Senior Play Cast; Projection Club; Director of the Broadcast Division of the Bureau of School Information; Registration Worker; Election Worker; Honor Society.

MARTIN, RICHARD *"Dick"*
Track.

MASTRACCIO, FRANK *"Frank"*
Bowling; Baseball.

MATHIS, JOSEPH *"Joe"*

MAYA, ADOLPH *"Tito"*
Bowling Club.

MAYCOCK, NELSON *"Ned"*
Glee Club; Track; Projection Club; Dramatics Club; Assistant Business Manager of De-O-Wain-Sta.

McMAHON, JOAN *"Joan"*

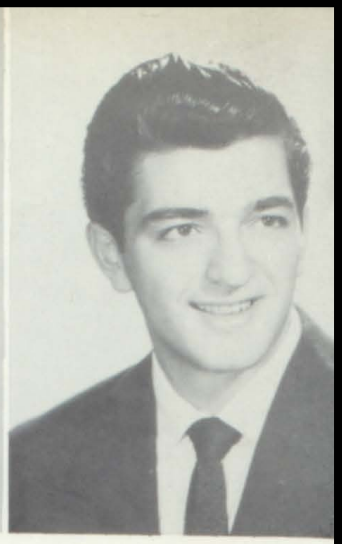
McMAHON, JUNE *"Pug"-Pug*
Gym Leaders; Library Council; B.S.I. Typist; Cheering Section.

MEAD, GEORGE *"Meadie"*
J.V. Baseball; Varsity Football; Glee Club.

MENDOZA, RUTH *"Ruthie"*
Basketball; Baseball; Volleyball; Field Hockey; Track.

MILLER, HAROLD *"Harry"*

MILLER, JOYCE *"Joyce"*
Cheering Section; Junior Prom Committee; Art Club Secretary; Commencement Usher; Senior Play Committee.



MILLSON, LOIS *"Lou"*
French Club; Bowling Club; Cheering Squad; Dancing Club.

MIZGALA, PAULINE *"Pauline"*

MIRABELLI, POLLY *"Polly"*
Majorette.

MONTALBANO, PHILLIP *"Moe"*
Bowling Club; R.F.A. Bowling Team; Track; Marching Band; German Club.

BEST LOOKING

MONTOPOLI, DOMINICK *"Dom"*
JV Football; JV Baseball; V. Basketball; JV Basketball.

MULLALLY, JOAN *"Joan"*
Volleyball.

MORGAN, NANCY *"Nan"*
Jr. Prom Comm.; Sr. Ring Comm.; Sr. Play Comm.; Business Staff De-O-Wain-Sta; Soph. Christmas Decoration Comm.; Cheering Section.

NARDOZZA, VINCENT *"Vinnie"*
Instructor in Projection Club; Back Stage Assistant; Tennis Team.

NIGRO, ROCCO *"Rock"*
JV Football; Band.

ORTOLANO, MARY *"Mary"*
F.H.A.

OCCHIPINTI, SAMUEL *"Sam"*
Football; Basketball.

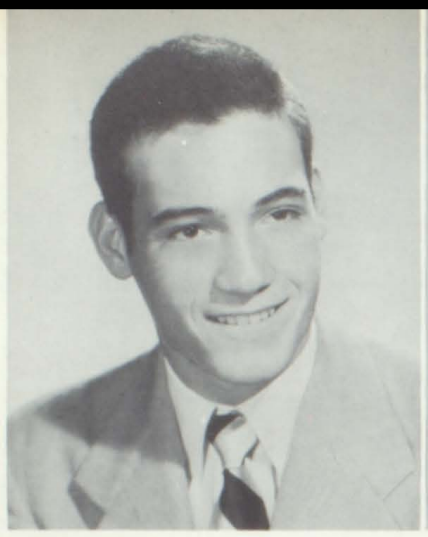
O'SHEA, SHEILA *"Sheila"*
Treasurer of Soph. Class; Assembly Comm.; Soph. Dance Comm.; Christmas Decorations; HR Chairman; Soph. Pole Bearer; Election Comm.; Sec. of Student Association; Assembly Usher; Junior Prom Comm.; Honor Society; B.S.I.; Cheering Section; Pres. of Student Association; French Club; Sr. Play Staff; Activity Comm.; Tennis Team.

OWENS, RONALD *"Ronnie"*
JV Football; V Football.

PARKER, DONNA *"Don"*
JV Cheerleader; V Cheerleader; Basketball; Cheering Section.

PANGBURN, HARVEY *"Harv"*
B.S.I.; Marching Band Color Guard; Basketball.

PARKER, IRMA *"Irmagee"*



PARKS, ANTHONY *"Spic"*
Soph. Dance Comm.; JV Football; JV Baseball; Award Comm.; HR Chairman; V Baseball; V Football.

PARRY, VERNIE *"Verna"*
F.H.A.; Art Club.

PATTERSON, MARY JANE *"Cookie"*
Majorette.

PEASE, ANN LOUISE *"Hippo-Hip"*
Basketball; Volleyball; Archery; Red Cross Service Club; Secca-Types; Square Dance Club; Cheering Section.

BEST LOOKING

PELOW, DONNA *"Donna"*
Basketball; Volleyball; Baseball; Secca-Types; Red Cross Representative; Homeroom Chairman; Gym Leaders; Archery; Knit Wits.

PEPPER, CAROL *"Pep"*
Glee Club; Dramatics Club; Soph. Pole Bearer; Red Cross Service Club; B.S.I.; German Club; Jr. Prom Comm.; Baccalaureate Usher; Veritas Vincit; Red Cross Representative; Sr. Play Usher; Square Dance Club; Cheering Section; Soph. Christmas Decorations; Soph. Registration.

PERFETTI, MAXINE *"Max"*
Soph. Christmas Decoration; Soph. Dance Comm.; Glee Club; Jr. Prom Comm.; Assembly Usher; Cheering Section; JV and V Cheerleader; German Club; De-O-Wain-Sta Business Staff; Veritas Vincit; Sr. Play Comm.; Sr. Dance Comm.; Square Dance Club; Election Worker.

PETERS, BETTY *"Bet"*
Soph. Dec. Comm.; Glee Club; Jr. Prom Comm.; Red Cross Service Club; Library Council; Soph. Registration.

PETRELLI, VIRGINIA *"Ginny"*

PHETTERPLACE, MILDRED *"Millie"*
Basketball; Volleyball; Cheering Section; Field Hockey; Gym Leader; Softball.

POTOCKI, DOLORES *"Potock"*
Archery; Basketball; Softball; Volleyball; Square Dancing Club; Cheering Section; Officiating Club; Gym Leader; Red Cross Service Club; Archery Club.

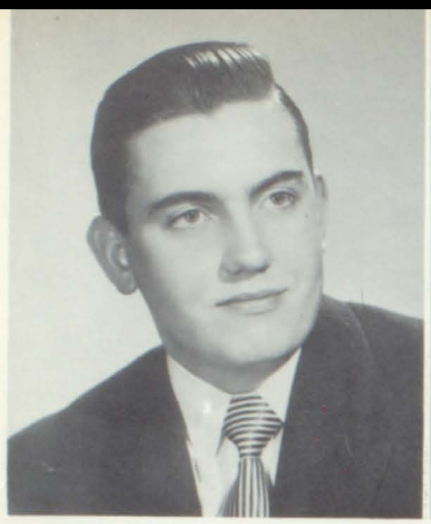
PRITCHARD, JOHN *"Poondamalea"*

PROCOPIO, KATHERINE *"Kay"*
Basketball; Volleyball; Secca-Types; Red Cross Service Club; De-O-Wain-Sta.

RAAK, ELEANOR *"Eleanor"*
Red Cross Service Club; Veritas Vincit; B.S.I. Press Division; Sec. German Club.

RECZEK, THOMAS *"Tady"*
Marching Band; Concert Band.

REH, MARGARET ANNE *"Peggy"*
Field Hockey; Basketball; Asst. Manager in Sports; Jr. Prom Comm.; Senior Play; De-O-Wain-Sta Bus. Staff.



REID, JAMES *"Jim"*
JV Baseball; Tennis; Bowling; Concert Band; Marching Band; Projection Club; De-O-Wain-Sta Bus. Staff.

RILEY, PATRICIA *"Patty"*
HR Chairman; Red Cross; Volleyball; Glee Club; Basketball.

RHEIN, PATRICIA *"Pat"*
Pres. Veritas Vincit; Honor Society; French Club; Ring Comm.; Jr. Prom Comm.; Treas. Jr. Class; Assembly Usher; Commencement Usher; Baccalaureate Usher; Cheering Squad; B.S.I. Press Division; Movin-Up Day; Senior Play Comm.; Red Cross Council; Christmas Decoration.

ROMANIELLO, CARMELINE *"Carm"*
Basketball; Softball; Volleyball; Tennis; Red Cross Rep.

MOST ATHLETIC

ROSSI, ANN *"Annie"*
Secca-Types; Basketball.

RUMACK, LEIGH *"Leigh"*
French Club; Art Club; Tennis Team; B.S.I. Bulletin Board Staff; Softball; De-O-Wain-Sta Bus. Staff; Veritas Vincit; Senior Play Comm.; Track; Cheering Section; Volleyball; Square Dancing Club.

RUTISHAUSER, CARL J. *"Carl"*
Tennis; Projection Club; Hi-Y.

SANTORO, LOUISE *"Louise"*
F.H.A.; Library Council; B.S.I. Typist.

SCHILLACI, FRANK *"Frank"*

SCHIRO, JOHN *"Johnny"*

SEARS, BARBARA *"Barb"*
Veritas Vincit Sec.; Tennis Team; Assembly Usher; Jr. Prom Comm.; B.S.I.; Baccalaureate Usher; Senior Play Comm.; Commencement Usher; Soph. Christmas Decorations; Ring Comm.; Moving-Up Day Comm.; Cheering Section.

SEATON, JOHN *"Bunky"*
J.V. Football; Varsity Football; Track; Wrestling; Red Cross Entertainment Comm.; Marching Band; Concert Band.

SECOR, CLARENCE *"Clare"*

SECOR, HERBERT *"Herb"*

SHARRON, BERNICE *"Berny"*
Red Cross Rep.; H.R. Vice-Chairman; Gym Leader; B.S.I. Typist; De-O-Wain-Sta Business Staff; H.R. Vice-Chairman; B.S.I. Editor; Softball.

SOBOLOSKI, JEAN *"Candy"*
Cheering Section; Square Dancing Club; Soph. Christmas Decorations; Library Council; Gym Leaders; Red Cross.

SOELLNER, JEAN *"Jean"*
Veritas Vincit; Tennis Team; Red Cross Rep.; Ring Comm.; Moving-Up Day; Jr. Prom Comm.; Soph. Christmas Decorations; De-O-Wain-Sta Business Staff; Assembly Usher; Soph. and Jr. Elections; Senior Play Comm.; H.R. Chairman; Cheering Section.

SPADA, ANGELINE *"Angie"*

SPAULDING, MARTHA *"Marty"*
Red Cross Club; F.H.A.; Volleyball; Gym Leaders; Jr. Prom Comm.; Jr. Ring Comm.; Secca-Types.

SORIANO, GERALD *"Bartholomew"*
Basketball.

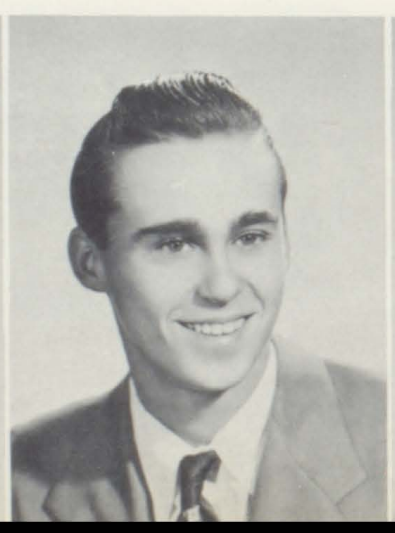
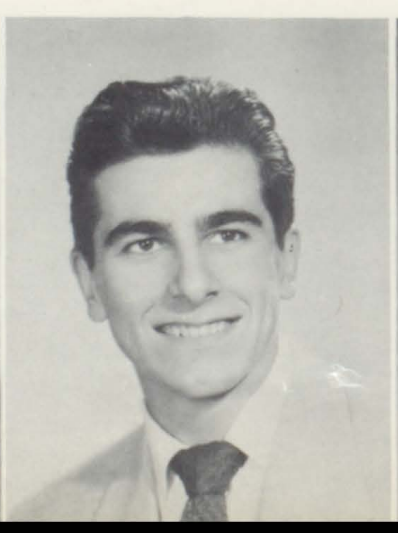
MOST ATHLETIC

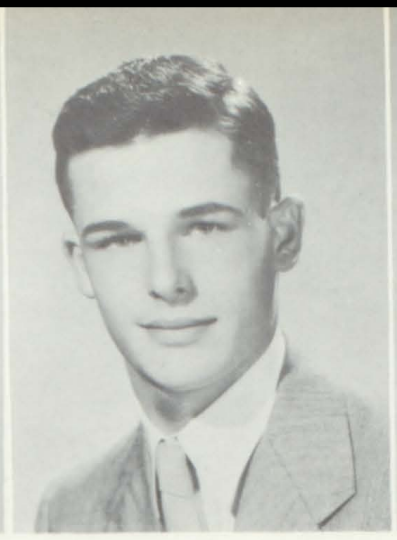
STAGLIANO, DOMINICK *"Micco"*

STASIO, PATRICK L. *"Pat"*
Basketball.

STAPLE, JACK *"Jack"*
Marching Band; Concert Band.

ST. DENIS, PATRICIA *"Pat"*



STEDMAN, SANDRA *"Sandy"*
Library Council; Secca-Types; B.S.I.; Volleyball; Basketball; Baseball; Cheering Section; Square Dance Club.

STEWART, JOYCE *"Cousin"*
Library Council; Cheering Section; Red Cross Service Club; Inter-Club Council; Jr. Prom Comm.; B.S.I.; H.R. Vice-Chairman; Moving-Up Day.

STEVENS, WILLIAM *"Bill"*
Swimming; Track; Cross-Country; Hi-Y; H.R. Chairman; Marching Band; Pres. French Club.

STIRLING, SARAH *"Sarie"*
Glee Club; Cheering Section; Junior Prom Committee.

STRONG, JOHN *"Make Out"*
Swimming; Cross Country; Glee Club; Marching Band Color Guard; Soph. Christmas Decoration Committee; Projection Club; Track; Academaires; Amateur Show; De-O-Wain-Sta Editorial Staff; Junior Election Committee.

STRAUB, SONIA *"Sonnie"*
Glee Club; B.S.I.

STROHL, BARBARA *"Barb"*
B.S.I.; Secca Types; Cheering.

SULLIVAN, MARCIA *"Marc"*
Softball; Red Cross Representative; Senior Play.

SWINNEY, RONALD *"Ronnie"*

TAMBURRINO, ALFRED C. *"Al"*
Marching Band; French Club; Slingerland; Senior Play.

SZAREK, JOSEPH *"Joe"*
Soph. Christmas Decoration Comm.; Junior Prom Comm.; Junior Ring Comm.; B.S.I.; Hi-Y Pres.; Vice-Pres. Student Association; Citizenship Award; Varsity Basketball Mgr.; Varsity Baseball Mgr.; Projection Club; Slingerland; Senior Play Cast; German Club; Commencement Usher; Senior Ball; Jr. Election Comm.

TARDBANIA, MATILDA *"Tillie"*
Officiating Club; Gym Leaders Club; J.V. Cheerleader; Volleyball; Cheering Section.

MOST POPULAR

TARDUGNO, Josephine *"Jo"*
Basketball; Volleyball.

THOMAS, MARILYNN *"Mare"*
Softball; Basketball; Cheering; F.H.A.

TAYLOR, DONALD *"Donny"*

UPDIKE, DAVID *"Jerry Lewis"*
Football; Basketball; Tennis; Hi-Y; Glee Club; Band.

URTZ, LEO *"Al"*

UVANNI, MARIE *"Marie"*
Red Cross Service Club; Secca Types.

VALVO, CARMEL *"Carmy"*

VANSELOW, SALLY ANN *"Sal"*
Red Cross Service; Red Cross Council; B.S.I. Typist; Cheering Section.

VENTURA, CARMEN *"Wimpy"*

VIERECK, ROBERT *"Bob"*
Glee Club; Tennis; Amateur Show.

VISCOSI, CARMEN *"Carmen"*

VITALE, DOLORES *"Yoye"*
Red Cross Service Club; De-O-Wain-Sta Business Staff; Secca Types.

VIVERITO, JOAN *"Joanie"*
F.H.A.; Library Council.

VIVIANI, CAROL *"Viv"*
Basketball; Softball; Volleyball; Cheerleader, J.V. and Varsity; H.R. Representative.

VROOMAN, PETER *"Pete"*
Football; Baseball; Hi-Y; H.R. Chairman; Sports Editor De-O-Wain-Sta; Soph. Dance Committee.

WAGAR, DAVID *"Smitty"*
Band; Glee Club; Commissioner of B.S.I.; National Honor Society; Academaires; Slingerland; Senior Play Cast; Swingers; Student Cabinet; Amateur Show.

MOST POPULAR

WARNKE, PHYLLIS *"Phil"*
F.H.A.; Red Cross Service Club; De-O-Wain-Sta Business Staff; Cheering Section; Sophomore Decoration Committee.

WALKER, DELORES *"De De"*
Archery; Volleyball; Basketball.

WARNER, PATRICIA LANE *"Patti"*
Glee Club; Red Cross Service Club; Library Council.

WATSON, DONNA *"Donna"*
Gym Leaders; Officiating Club; F.H.A.; Glee Club; Swingers; Academaires; Cheering Section; Basketball; Volleyball; Softball; Bowling Club; Secca-Types; Red Cross Service Club; Inter Club Council; Archery Club; Library Council; B.S.I. Typist; Senior Play; Square Dance Club.

WATTERS, LYNNETTE *"Lynn"*
Veritas Vincit; Junior Prom Committee; Slingerland; Senior Play; B.S.I.; Editor Bulletin Board; Assembly Usher; Cheering Section; Baccalaureate Usher; Graduation Usher; Swingers; Student Council; Junior Dance Committee.

WEBER, DOROTHY *"Dottie"*
Head Majorette; Officiating Club; Softball; Basketball; Archery; Volleyball; Track; Square Dancing Club.

WILLIAMS, FRANCES *"Fran"*
B.S.I. Typist; Knit Wits.

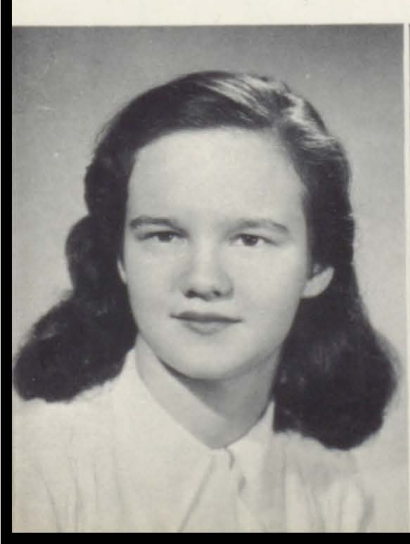
WILLIAMS, ROBERTA *"Bobbie"*
Red Cross Service Club; Slingerland; Junior Prom Committee; Cheering Section; Veritas Vincit Club; Assembly Ushers; German Club.

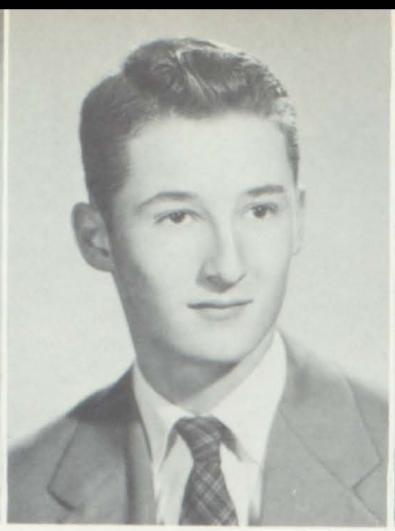
WING, JANICE *"Jan"*
Glee Club; De-O-Wain-Sta Business Staff; Junior Prom Committee; Cheering Section; Senior Ring Committee; Assembly Usher; Acadamaires; Senior Ball Committee; Senior Play Committee; Moving-Up Day.

WILSON, ANN *"Willie"*
Glee Club; Senior Play.

WINCHELL, LORRAINE *"Lorrie"*
F.H.A.; Knit Wits; Cheering Section.

WITTMANN, JACK *"Jack"*
J.V. Football; J.V. Basketball; Glee Club; Varsity Basketball; Track; Acadamaires; Moving-Up Day.





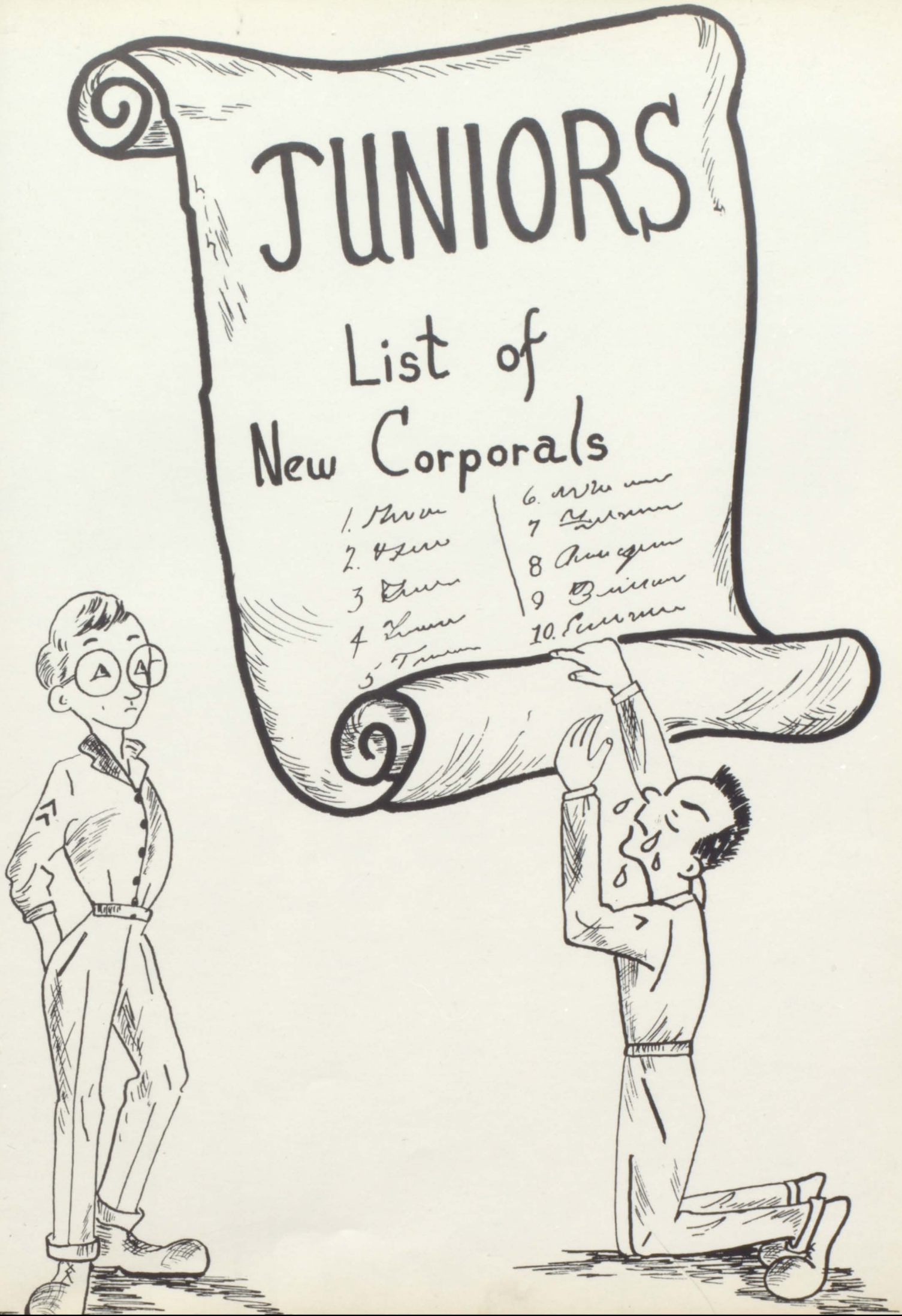
WITUSIK, PATRICIA *"Patti"*
Knit Wits; Gym Leaders; Red Cross Service Club; Cheering Section.

WRIGHT, DAVID *"Denny"*
J.V. Baseball; President of Homeroom; Act. Editor of De-O-Wain-Sta; Senior Play; Sophomore Decoration Committee.

WRIGHT, GERALD F. *"Spanky"*
Glee Club; Acadamaires; B.S.I. Broadcast Division.

YINGLING, RONALD *"Ying"*

ZANDI, THOMAS *"Tom"*


JUNIORS
List of
New Corporals

Front Row, left to right: Donald Jones (*President*), Jean Duffy (*Treasurer*), Elaine Lauri (*Secretary*), James Atkinson (*Vice-President*).

Junior Officers And History

The history of the class of 1955 started quite successfully with the election of our sophomore officers. Sophomore students registered and voted and the results were Gerald Malorzo, president; James Atkinson, vice-president; Johanna Ruby, secretary; and Martha Robinson, treasurer.

Early in our first year we decorated the gym for our first sophomore dance which turned out to be a big success. We also decorated the halls of R. F. A. for Christmas. Volunteers stayed after school to help put up the different decorations and the Christmas spirit was made apparent throughout the school.

In the latter part of the sophomore year we held our elections for junior officers. Donald Jones was chosen as president, James Atkinson was re-elected as vice-president, and Elaine Lauri and Jean Duffy were elected as secretary and treasurer. The last event of our sophomore year was Moving-Up-Day, in which every sophomore took part.

We started our junior year with plans for the Junior Prom which was held November 20, 1953. The theme of the dance was "Starry Night", and it turned out to be a very successful achievement for our junior year.

We only hope that our remaining year at R. F. A. will be as much fun as our past years have been.

Luck always "Lar" in the Future and always. → Frank O. Esq

PLATOON 1

Front Row, left to right: D. Cabo, P. M. Alyward, C. Butler, S. Ball, C. Bathrick, J. Besenfelder. *Second Row:* P. Abbuhl, D. Caporilli, R. Burns, B. Bingham, G. Aderman, J. Amidon, C. Canfield, A. Bussolo, V. Amato. *Third Row:* C. Eldridge, F. Angotti, R. Bottini, R. Ansonio, R. Alessi, J. Abbott, R. Borkowski.

PLATOON 2

Front Row, left to right: C. Carrieri, L. DeMario, B. Cline, V. Conner, D. Chyrwaty, N. Bottini (*Chairman*), M. Dandino (*Vice-Chairman*), M. Casler, D. Heuer, R. DeBonzo, J. Cleveland. *Second Row:* R. Bronson, P. Tanner, C. Coia, M. Coluccio, T. Carro, P. Dailey, F. Catello, S. DeChristo, G. Dakan, B. Cornish, D. Brand, G. Camadine. *Third Row:* F. Bravo, E. Connor, B. Calicchia, R. Decker, D. Campbell, N. Facciola, J. Carletta, R. Burke.

PLATOON 3

Front Row, left to right: E. Finster, J. Greci (*RC Repr.*), P. Fike, C. Gruber, J. Haunfelner, V. Coccia (*Vice-President*), K. Frasca (*President*), B. Gardiner, V. Filipponi, J. Duffy, G. Garofalo. *Second Row:* M. Donovan, R. Come, P. Concannon, H. Clark, P. Gifford, C. Cavanaugh, P. Ferguson, L. Clark, M. Guggi. *Third Row:* V. Falconio, D. Colangelo, G. Ciotti, P. Colangelo, K. Curley, J. Cortese, J. Coleman, R. DeHart.

PLATOON 10

Front Row, left to right: P. King, N. Holder, B. Hall, B. Haynes, C. Keeler, J. Eikenberg (*Chairman*), P. Knauer, J. Kiskadden, H. Hughes, D. Hickey, L. Haluck. *Second Row:* D. Jones (*RC Repr.*), J. Hanicker, J. Kemme, R. Drisgula, A. Gallien, V. DeVisser, R. Ferguson, J. Kirk, D. Harrnacker, J. Hammon. *Third Row:* O. Davis, R. Davies, R. Dawes, J. DiMaggio, J. Damon, R. Egger, R. Dellork, J. Della-Contrada.

PLATOON 23

Front Row, left to right: A. Mastrangelo, A. Mendoza, E. May, J. McIntosh, T. Marks, S. Gorski (*Chairman*), C. Mandronico (*Vice-Chairman*), J. Mezza, F. Mae, B. Marasco, G. Marcoccia. *Second Row:* J. Gamble, A. Grieco, R. Masi, R. Matrassi, P. Lombino, J. Marsh, F. Lombino, B. Luberta, I. Kulitz, F. Fisher, G. Fiordiliso. *Third Row:* F. Gurley, M. Galligano, W. Gubbins, P. Goldstone, J. Finnigan, R. Greenburg, L. Gillette, R. Greenburg, W. Garofalo, J. Fuller, D. Harris.

PLATOON 27

Front Row, left to right: N. Poulhamous, K. LaPlante, E. Lauri, M. O'Neill, M. Murphy, R. Larkin (*Chairman*), B. Pazdur (*Vice-Chairman*), J. Petrelli, N. Perry, N. Northway, B. Palmer. *Second Row:* L. Heaney, H. Larkin, C. Mosca, M. Migliori, L. Parry, H. Lashway, B. Muszynski, L. Nana, A. Perry, G. Heaney, M. Hurley. *Third Row:* A. Iacovissi, R. Kern, D. Jones, A. Herter, G. Henderberg, D. Jones, J. Kernan, F. Hayes, R. LaSalle, R. Flint.

PLATOON 31

Front Row, left to right: A. Riolo, K. Lazzara, G. Revette, J. Lamay, P. Randle, G. Malorzo (*Chairman*), N. Mastracco (*Vice-Chairman*), S. Pomilio, E. Petrie, S. Ragan, J. Pycior. *Second Row:* W. Lennon, J. Mumpton, M. Marucci, C. Petronella, M. Piccola, A. Pinti, J. Recco, G. Mautner, R. Lauber, H. Meyers.

PLATOON 32

Front Row, left to right: D. Ross, K. Rizzuto, K. Ringrose, M. Rutkowski, M. Robinson (*Vice-Chairman*), A. Patterson (*Chairman*), J. Scritchfield, J. Ruby, K. Scothon, B. Rudes, J. Rouillier. *Second Row:* T. Molineux, M. Occhipinti, R. Stanizzi, F. Santoro, V. Schmidt, D. Schug, T. Netzband, R. Murphy, J. Nole. *Third Row:* L. Outtrim, J. Puglia, J. O'Donnell, C. Paul, S. Oltman, A. Parks, J. Passer.

PLATOON 37

Front Row, left to right: B. Smaldon, L. Soboleski, A. Spado, N. Shaffer, A. Simiele, E. Stooks, M. Slocum, J. Lichtenberger, B. Service, J. Stevens, M. Lobenhofer. *Second Row:* M. Sikora, G. Fouts, W. Frankey, K. Powell, W. Richards, C. Sherrell, J. Redmond, N. Pouliot, J. Petricca, G. Petronella, D. Regan, J. Riley, J. Stovall.

PLATOON 38

Front Row, left to right: B. Ventura, S. Willcox, C. VanDresar (*RC Repr.*), G. Vecchio, H. Whitcomb (*Chairman*), J. Noble (*Vice-Chairman*), S. VanDewalker, S. Watkins, B. Spencer, P. Vaccaro. *Second Row:* N. Thomas, R. Tyksinski, D. Stephan, J. Vandeveer, C. VanVechten, N. Verrenti, R. Vacca, V. Vaccaro.

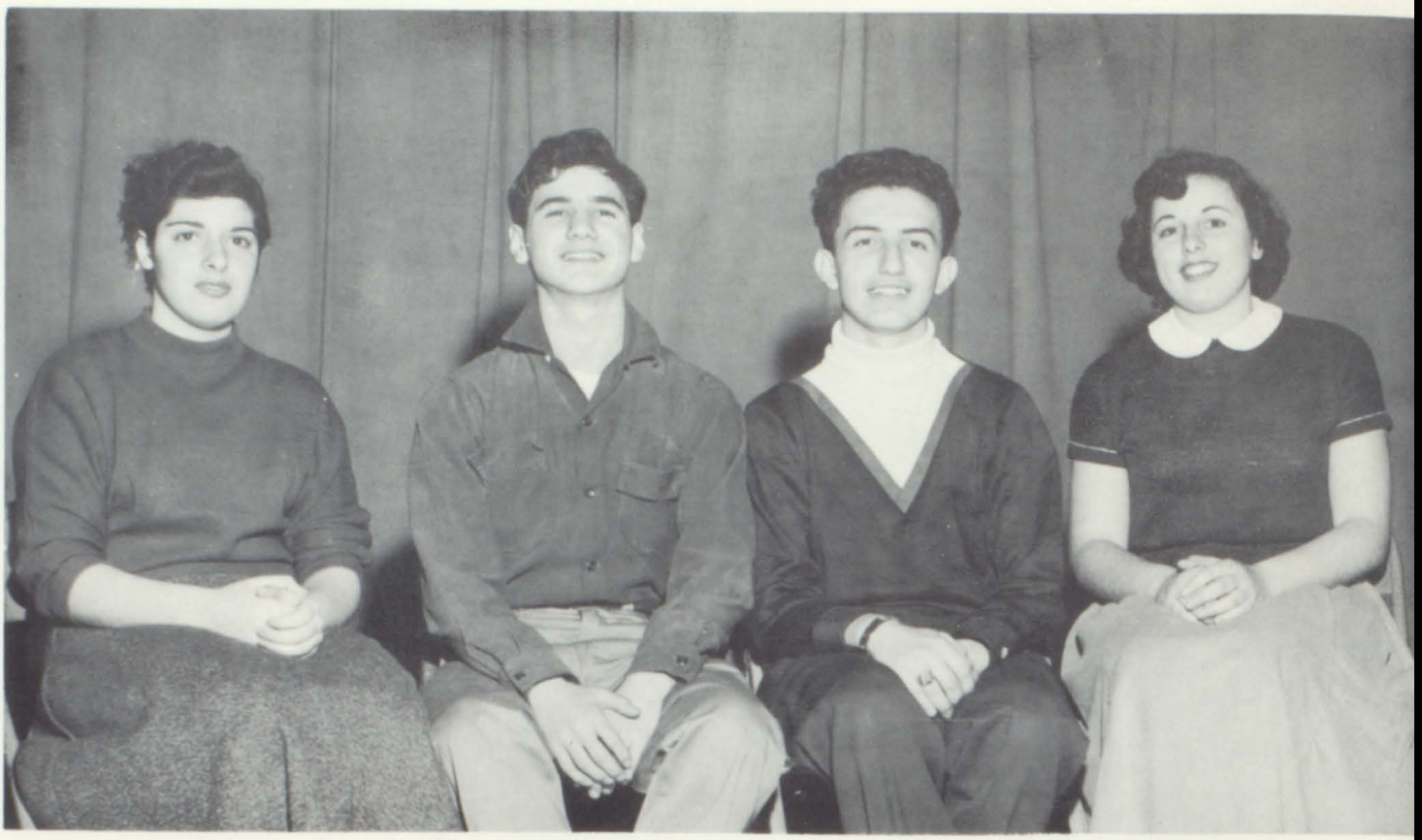
PLATOON 39

Front Row, left to right: M. Pomilio, G. Sykes, G. Taylor, J. Sykes, A. Thomas, R. Stumpo, P. Thurber, C. Taverna, S. Taverna, C. Terzine, J. Traxel. *Second Row:* F. Squillace, G. Spinelli, P. Rutkowski, C. Swerdan, M. Spohn, J. Ruane, J. Spado, P. Smith. *Third Row:* D. Flanagan, B. Seigler, Don Sherwood, Dale Sherwood, J. Snyder, J. Rouillier, T. Southern.

PLATOON 40

Front Row, left to right: Joan Williams, June Williams, G. Washburn, R. Viscomi, B. Yaffee, H. West (*Chairman*), S. Yakobiszyn, M. Zullo, P. Wojdyla, J. Yano, B. Wilson. *Second Row:* D. Wheeler, D. Wimett, L. Yager, J. Willson, J. Wojdyla, G. Viggiano, E. White, A. West.

SOPHOMORES



Front Row, left to right: Angela George (*Secretary*), Charles DiBeradino (*Vice-President*), Vincent DeCarolis (*President*), Marie Colangelo (*Treasurer*).

Sophomore Officers And History

The former freshmen of Laurel Junior High and Rome Junior High joined in September to make up the class of 1956. While going blindly from class to class, we met many new friends.

Our first project that we undertook was the election of class officers.

Early in December we held the annual Sophomore dance which was a great success. Soon after this we decorated the three floors, the auditorium, and the front door for Christmas. We were very glad to be the first class to use the new front entrance for decorating.

We hope that we can continue the remainder of our high school years with as much success and enthusiasm as we have this year.

PLATOON 5

Front Row, left to right: J. Bartolotti, B. Blades, M. Baum, L. Bingham, D. Anderson, N. Barnard, J. Akins, M. Bean, D. Bartolomeo, K. Bird, L. Bauer. *Second Row:* W. Allen, E. Bertrand, R. Barbato, A. Campanaro, A. Beaver, R. Blaum, S. Baldigo, P. Alexander, R. Bitely, R. Bird, W. Ballard, D. Austin, J. Amoroso, R. Aquino.

PLATOON 6

Front Row, left to right: A. Casler, R. Bormann (*RC Repr.*), S. Caswell, B. Charlebois, C. Cataldi (*Vice-Chairman*), C. Chase (*Chairman*), V. Bravo, V. Bottini, V. Cingranelli, L. Ciotti, N. Chrzanowski. *Second Row:* J. Chubbuck, D. Chomin, B. Carmella, P. Carmody, B. Bormann, V. Bommarito, B. Boyer, T. Brady, B. Bostwick. *Second Row:* W. Campola, P. Boriack, P. Cerjan, J. Campbell, M. Burlison, G. Bartlett, A. Chrysler, W. Chyrwaty.

PLATOON 8

Front Row, left to right: D. Donovan, A. Esposito, A. Coluccio, D. Evangelist, C. DiBeradino (*Vice-Chairman*), V. DeCarolis (*Chairman*), S. DeHimer, D. Elliott, B. Dawes, C. Eggan, A. Faccino. *Second Row:* L. DeMatteo, W. Cooper, V. DelCangelo, A. DeConde, M. Dailey, M. Colangelo, J. Dolan, S. Clippinger, B. Coluccio, F. Cook, F. Coppola. *Third Row:* R. DeMirjian, J. Cimo, R. Denton, F. Collins, A. D'Ambrosi, C. Davis, N. DeProspero, J. Collins, G. Closinski, R. Puglio, M. Dangerfield.

PLATOON 9

Front Row, left to right: C. Fanfarillo, R. Flint, D. Finlay, K. Fazzi, B. Fort, T. Feickert, C. Farnam, J. Felice, T. Feole, P. Fountain, E. Flick. *Second Row:* R. Dursi, A. Fiorenza, T. Ferguson, J. Donovan, R. Doubleday, D. Ferrare, M. Freson, C. Dolan, W. Edkins, J. DiBosco, B. Evans, D. Falcone, W. Ernst.

PLATOON 11

Front Row, left to right: L. Genther, A. Gualtieri, J. Griffiths, L. Giarrusso, A. George, S. Glockner (*Chairman*), E. Gizzi, N. Glass, P. Major, P. Gallagher, A. George. *Second Row:* K. Gould, A. Gordecki, I. Harrnacker, K. Granger, K. Fouts, R. Franz, C. Frank, R. Hansberger, T. Fuller, R. Goworek. *Third Row:* W. Hahn, R. Fox, D. Giambona, P. Fitsik, N. Fiore, A. Greci, H. Hall.

PLATOON 30

Front Row, left to right: P. Warnke, M. Warner, D. Wheeler, G. Zawaly (*RC Repr.*), L. Wood (*Chairman*), B. Wooley, D. Wardwell, A. Zigrino. *Second Row:* W. Williams, E. Weismuller, R. Wakefield, R. Abbot, D. Wampfler, R. Winn.

PLATOON 33

Front Row, left to right: J. Guido, A. Jeffalone, M. Hamela, C. Heller, V. Jones, P. Hart, M. Hyatt, A. Gyngell, N. Guilinan, B. Jahnke, P. Janes. *Second Row:* J. Hluska, J. Healy, R. Hyde, R. Harvey, J. Hinds, C. Hunziker, R. Karpinski, W. Janowisz, L. Hughes, F. Hoteling. *Third Row:* B. Johnson, E. Hitchings, B. Holtz, R. Kobelia, D. Larkin, B. Koski, J. Huber.

PLATOON 34

Front Row, left to right: R. Lauber, S. June, B. Kraunz, R. Lemmon, E. Killingbeck, G. Martin, C. Lince, B. Lombardo, M. Luczynski, L. Leppert, J. Lombardo. *Second Row:* R. Maurer, E. Maya, D. Marshall, J. Moutner, P. Lewek, M. Lombardo, M. LoRusso, R. MacLachlan, M. Makarchuk, F. Lemmon. *Third Row:* L. Mastracco, R. Maio, A. Martin, W. Lerman, R. Mantelli, K. Lichtenberger, D. Matt.

PLATOON 35

Front Row, left to right: M. Matt, M. Marcellus, J. Michalina, J. McCormick, D. Miller, K. McDonald (*Chairman*), K. McCloskey (*Vice-Chairman*), R. Mercoldie, M. Mihm, A. Migliori, M. Megerell. *Second Row:* J. Nobert, R. Miller, J. O'Hara, A. Madsen, L. Metzger, D. Malorzo, M. Marturano, J. Muscarella, P. Montana, E. Orendorff. *Third Row:* B. Miner, C. Mitchell, M. Kowalchak, J. Morgan, R. Abbott, J. Mendoza, L. Morse, H. Messner.

PLATOON 36

Front Row, left to right: V. Mortis, J. Nicolella, J. Phillips, D. Newman, L. Orendorf, D. Parry (*Chairman*), M. Nigro (*Vice-Chairman*), J. Patrician, H. Petrie, M. Nole, C. Nold. *Second Row:* J. Pelton, J. Pacenza, A. Minor, N. Neringer, J. Laskowski, D. Perze, R. Nagy, A. Paoletti, J. Parks, J. Pawlikowski, L. Pedde. *Third Row:* S. Potocki, T. Outtrim, W. Owens, A. Possant, J. Pendorf, R. Puchyr, E. Pritchard, E. Pietrus, G. Petrie, R. Pisano, N. Polce.

PLATOON 41

Front Row, left to right: P. Salob, G. Rushlow, E. Pettinelli, E. Sawyer, M. Reader, S. Regetz, E. Rosati, C. Realbuto, C. Sgambellone, M. Sanzone, S. Radell. *Second Row:* J. Salisbury, A. Reid, R. Semo, J. Salvaggio, T. Rossi, M. Reed, M. Plattenburg, R. Schram, E. Schuler, E. Schmidt, J. Ruby. *Third Row:* A. Salce, V. Sestito, B. Reh, A. Recchio, G. Sager, D. Pratt, E. Shulkin, R. Remick, A. Ripley, M. Rossi.

PLATOON 42

Front Row, left to right: E. Suplita, B. Smith, M. Stevens, S. Stanton, S. Sroka, A. Sprague, J. Smith, B. Sturtevant, D. Smythe, R. Sharpe, J. Stanizzi. *Second Row:* D. Stovall, T. Staple, W. Sroka, B. Sherman, R. Smith, M. Smaldon, M. Stolo, M. Spink, J. Sipley, C. Smith, W. Soriano, C. Sturtevant. *Third Row:* M. Stashefski, J. Spencer, R. Stagliano, E. Stanulevich, E. Sledziona, G. Spoller, C. Slobodian, L. Smith, G. Smith, J. Smith.

PLATOON 14 - ANNEX

Front Row, left to right: G. Vaccaro, E. Swinney, B. Tryon, E. Traschel, N. Vescio, J. Taylor, E. Westcott, A. Vazquez, C. Tardugno. *Second Row:* J. Trybalski, W. Swancott, M. Tamburino, D. Thomas, M. Vivianni, M. Waterman, C. Van Wagenen, P. Todora, S. Viverito. *Third Row:* M. Summerfelt, L. Tamburrino, D. Wagner, L. Van Slyke, T. Trybalski, P. Taylor, T. Tallarino.

ACTIVITIES

The editorial staff has worked hard to produce a yearbook worthy of the class of 1954. After organizing for work, our first problem was to get the senior portraits taken. With co-operation from students and the studio, this was finally completed. We next had to get all the group pictures taken. Members of homerooms and clubs had to be called out of classes to the auditorium to pose for the camera.

The various staffs then went to work on their sections of the book, always keeping it in mind that we had deadlines to meet. All staff members kept busy collecting snapshots to be included with the more formal pictures. After the material was all organized and sent to our publishers, we should have been able to relax. We worried. Had everything turned out okay? We think it did and hope that you feel the same.

DE-O-WAIN-STA STAFF

The Business Staff's Jean Soellner, Nelson Maycock, and Leigh Rumack pore over accounts.

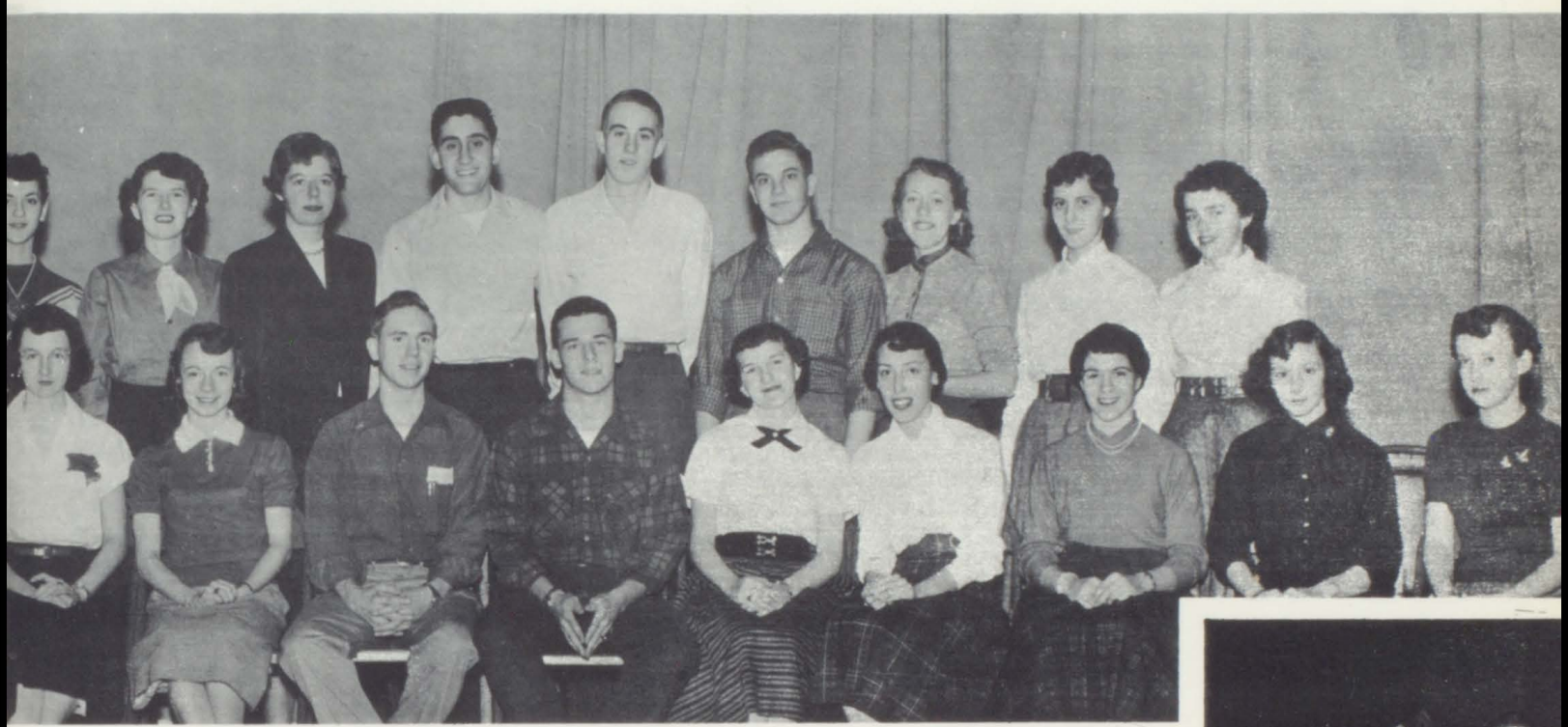
Sue Fusco worries while Editor Dion observes Mr. Siringo take one of the endless line of groups.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Front Row, left to right: R. Procopia, S. Joanis, C. Gardner, D. Wright (*Activity Editor*), P. Vrooman (*Sports Editor*), F. Dion (*Editor-in-Chief*), P. Graham (*Humor Editor*), A. Fusco (*Senior Editor*), R. Lenio (*Art Editor*), S. Camadine, A. Chicaferro. *Second Row:* J. Lomascola, A. Gullo, G. Clark, J. Anderson, G. Hildenbrandt, J. Strong, R. Dorsino, R. Lupinski, N. Greggins, J. Malarzo, M. J. Izzo, R. Mendoza.

BUSINESS STAFF

Front Row, left to right: N. Morgan, P. Reh, R. Brady, N. Maycock, B. Stevens (*Business Manager*), D. Vitale, L. Rumack, J. Soellner, J. Glass, P. Luck. *Second Row:* E. Dorn, J. Daniello, J. Davis, N. Gochee, F. Cortez, B. Evans, D. Link, B. Peters, M. Perfetti, J. Wing.



Editors Fred Dion, Sue Fusco, and Dick Lenio examine dummy.

The business staff, under the supervision of Mr. Auchmoody, along with a manager and assistant manager, took care of all financial matters pertaining to the yearbook. It raised, through the sale of the book and donations of patrons, the amount necessary to pay for the publishing of the book and other fees attached to it. In addition to the fund raising duty, this staff of the De-O-Wain-Sta had charge of all publicity and served as the collection agency as funds were taken in throughout the year.

Collector Maycock gets hard luck story.

BUREAU OF SCHOOL

BROADCAST DIVISION

Front Row, left to right: A. Barnard, C. Pepper, E. Marks (*Director*), D. Wagar (*Commissioner*), M. Clayton, D. Burgdorff. *Second Row:* H. Pangburn, J. Szarek, R. Davison, G. Wright, B. Christ.

BSI BULLETIN STAFF

Front Row, left to right: Petrie, Randle, Butler, Thurber, Watters (*Editor*), Wagar (*Commissioner*), Marks, Pepper, Boriack, Chyrwaty, Haywood. *Second Row:* Sears, Barnard, Kiskadden, Stumpo, Bak, Schug, Gruber, Cornish, McIntosh, Ruby, Shaffer, Yaffee, Robinson. *Third Row*: Anderson, Szarek, Bergstrom, Campbell, DeVissor, Atkinson, Goldstone, Campbell, Pangburn, Noble.

Chief Lynnette Watters reveals her pride and joy to admirer Cliff Bertrand.

The Bureau of School Information is one of the school's largest and most important organizations. Its three divisions — the Press, Broadcast, and BSI Bulletin, provide valuable experience for over 100 pupils and valuable service to the school.

Members of the Press Division handle all RFA news stories appearing in the *Rome Daily Sentinel.* Articles are edited and then typed by the BSI's typing staff before being delivered to the *Sentinel* by the Press Division's messenger. These articles do not occur in a school column, but are dispersed among news stories written by the *Sentinel* staff. This not only provides the school with good public relations, but also provides excellent practical training in commercial journalism for the reporters.

INFORMATION

Announcers Ed Marks and Joe Szarek give out with the news of the day.

PRESS DIVISION

Front Row, left to right: McMahon, Sears, Barnard, Bak, Watters, Lavarnway (*Editor*), Wagar (*Commissioner*), Stedman, Santoro, Davis, Watson, Stewart, Mezza. *Second Row:* Rudes, Albrecht, Daily, Pepper, Haywood, Chyrwaty, Taverna, Raak, Hammon, Straub, Strohl, Casler, Doubleday, Rhein, O'Shea, Pazdur, Carro, Yano. *Third Row:* Hammon, Mosca, Szarek, Eggan, Bergstrom, Pangburn, Campbell, Davison, Nardozza, Christ, Blood, Marks, Clayton, Williams.

We believe that at one time or another all students benefit from the Broadcast Division's services. Every morning and afternoon announcers bring to each homeroom the daily public address announcements. Each announcer has a silent partner who edits the announcements, operates the P.A. machine, and files announcements after they have been read. The Broadcast Division also makes public service announcements and plans special programs. The announcing at home basketball games is in charge of this division.

The BSI Bulletin staff writes and posts school news in the lighted bulletin board in the first floor hall. The *BSI Bulletin* has grown very popular with the student body. Its pictures, humor, and interesting news write-ups have become a part of our school life.

Newshawks Kay Lavarnway, Sheila O'Shea, Dorothy Chrywaty, and Dave Wagar prepare a flash for the Sentinel.

The school may well be proud of these fourteen high-stepping majorettes, who performed marvelously at eight football games. Their skillful exhibitions at the beginning of the games and at halftime added color and spirit to all R.F.A.'s home games. Giving up their noon hours and activity periods, the majorettes performed genuine service for the school.

Dorothy Weber demonstrates skill which has won fame for the Majorettes.

DRUM MAJORETTES

Front Row, left to right: Joan Cleveland, Carmella Carrieri, Pat Vaccarro, Doris Gwyther, Jeannette Fiorenza, Dorothy Weber, Joan Lutz, Nancy Schaeffer, Sophia Ball, Mary Jane Izzo.

Front Row, left to right: P. Knauer, J. Anderson, J. Lutz, K. Lavarnway, J. Soellner, A. Barnard, L. Watters, G. Clark, P. Graham, B. Yaffee. *Second Row:* K. LaPlante, J. Lamay, A. Thomas, J. Wing, M. Perfetti, A. Fusco, R. Stumpo, J. Kiskadden, P. Randell, D. Doubleday, S. O'Shea. *Third Row:* E. Lauri, J. Duffy, M. Clayton, R. Williams, B. Sears, P. Rhein, S. DeChristo.

ASSEMBLY USHERS

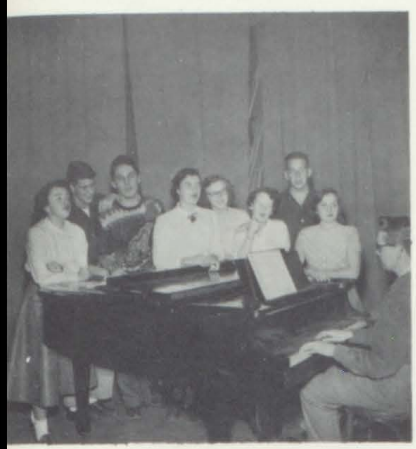
Ann Barnard, Millie Clayton, Pat Rhein, Patty Graham, and Maxine Perfetti don their badge of office.

Fifteen seniors, five juniors, and eight alternates rushed to the auditorium before each assembly to receive their arm bands and to man their posts. The ushers may be particularly proud of the fact that despite difficulties at the beginning of the year and overcrowding, the ushers led the homerooms to the auditorium quickly and with very little confusion.

ACADEMAIRES

The pride of the Academaires enjoy a jam session.

Front Row, left to right: J. Wing, A. Thomas, K. Baumler, N. Shaffer, P. Thurber, M. Clayton, A. Sprague, R. Fouts, S. Yakobiszyn, L. Perry, D. Watson. *Second Row:* J. Larkin, J. Whitman, D. Wagar, J. Strong, E. Marks, J. Wojdyla, B. Engelbert, J. Wright, B. Jones, N. Maycock.

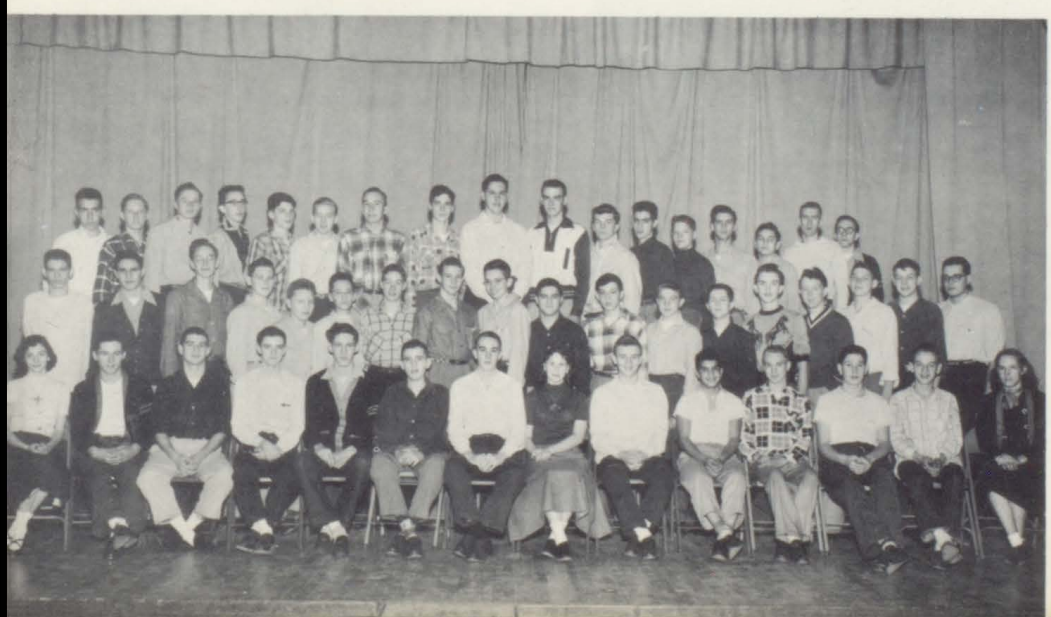


The Projection Club is an organization which gives real service to R.F.A. Under the direction of a faculty advisor, a supervisor, and his assistants, this club showed over 350 films during the school year. Another branch of the club handled backstage activities during school assemblies.

Projection mechanics Barry Evans, Fred Bodurtha, and Jim Ruby iron out a wrinkle.

The Academaires, a small singing group in its second year of performing, practiced once a week with Mrs. Feickert. Our twenty-five members were picked from the A Cappella Choir and we employed a lighter type of music than this group. We offered several programs in the course of the year.

PROJECTION CLUB



Front Row, left to right: Gifford, Bidwell, Strong, Poissant, Getty (*Assistant Instructor*), Ruby, Evans (*Supervisor*), Paulhamous (*Exec. Secretary*), Bodurtha (*Assistant Supervisor*), Sanzone, McClosky, Schram, Trybalski, Donovan. *Second Row:* Pouliot, Tamburino, DeVissar, Burgdorf, Petris, Stashefski, Johnson, Oltman, Englebert, Kekis, Garafalo, Viverito, Dangerfield, Ballard, Noble, Saeger, Cook, Goldstone. *Third Row:* Barber, Finnegan, Henderberg, Smith, Wardwell, Van Slyke, Sledzona, Vandeveer, Redmond, Gardner, Decker, Parks, Boriack, Mumpton, Falconio, West, Carrieri.

Hi-Y's Dick Lenio, Joe Szarek, and Fred Dion find humor in the toughest problem.

Hi-Y has had a very successful year. In January the organization played a major part in the annual Polio Campaign by distributing educational material. Hi-Y members took over the reins of city government for a day in early spring. The members also attended various Hi-Y conventions throughout the year.

HI-Y

Front Row, left to right: D. Jones, J. Strong, W. Stevens, R. Lenio (*Secretary*), J. Szarek (*President*), R. Davison (*Vice-President*), F. Dion (*Chairman, Board of Directors*), P. Pomento, J. Atkinson. *Second Row:* D. Greene, D. Bergstrom, C. Sherril, D. Flanagan, P. Vrooman, R. Dorsino, L. Gillette, C. Rutishauser, R. Jones. *Third Row:* A. Faroni, T. Burns, J. Hatter, V. Coccia, J. Amidon, D. Updike, A. Parks.

F.H.A.

Front Row, left to right: LoRusso, Brady, Warnke, Lazzara, Lewandowski, Joslyn, Mrs. Graves, Affanato, Traxel, May, DeBonzo, Chiacaferro, Watson, *Second Row:* Sykes, Ventura, Smaldon, Keeler, Casler, Smith, Hammon, Font, Glass, Janes, Lashway, Patrician, Wooley, Dailey, Parry, Hickey, Zawalay, VandeWalker. *Third Row:* Wilcox, Hall, Elliott, Eggan, Burns, Albrecht, Lichtenberger, Bathrick, Harrnacker, Kemme, Rutkowski, Tryon, Wheeler, Fazzi, VanWagenen, Janke, Pinti, Matrassi, Killenback.

"Every member an active one," demonstrated by Isabell LoRusso, Jackie Traxell, and Louise Joslyn.

In its 26th year, our chapter of F.H.A. was addressed by former member Jeanine Bowman, Miss New York State. Phyllis Allbrecht was delegate to state camp. The year's activities bore out our slogan—"Every member an active member."

Front Row, left to right: Douglas, Parry, Bauer, Wright, Perfetti, DeCarolis, Cline, Graham, Coia, Sicora, Wilson, Sprague, Thurber, Baumler, Watson. *Second Row:* Campbell, Greci, Marshall, Rushlow, Stirling, Coluccio, Lutz, Maycock, Stumpo, Vandeveer, Kimmell, Gwyther, Miller, Marrucci, Jones. *Third Row:* Whittman, Randell, Clayton, Kern, Clark, Trino, Snyder, Sykes, Bidwell, Verick, Salvaggio, Hoffman, Gardner, Wing, Wagar, Boriack, Thomas, Lennon. *Fourth Row:* Marks, Strong, Shaffer, Fouts Scothon, Englebert, Finley, Larkin, Granger, Wojdyla, Yakobiszyn, Owens, Puglia, Davis, Bak, Slocum, Pepper, Sgambellone, Peters.

A CAPPELLA CHOIR

The R.F.A. Choir had an enjoyable year climaxed by a television performance at Christmas on WKTV. Another major accomplishment was the music festival in the spring. Our seventy voices, led by Mrs. Feickert, also provided programs for school assemblies.

BAND

Front Row, left to right: Strong, Pangburn, Salce, Rossi, Marrucci, Felice, Haywood, Bingham, Smith, Donovan, Giltman, Viverito, Stevens, Noble Bergstrom. *Second Row:* Malarzo, Cappola, Carlotta, Petricca, Reid, Dorsino, Grieco, Montalbano, Giambona, Reczek, Owens, DiMaggio, Fouts, Jones. *Third Row:* Seton, Bottini, Guerierri, Nigro, Malorzo, Kern, Campbell, West, Wagar, Benedetto, Washburn, Hyde, McCloskey.

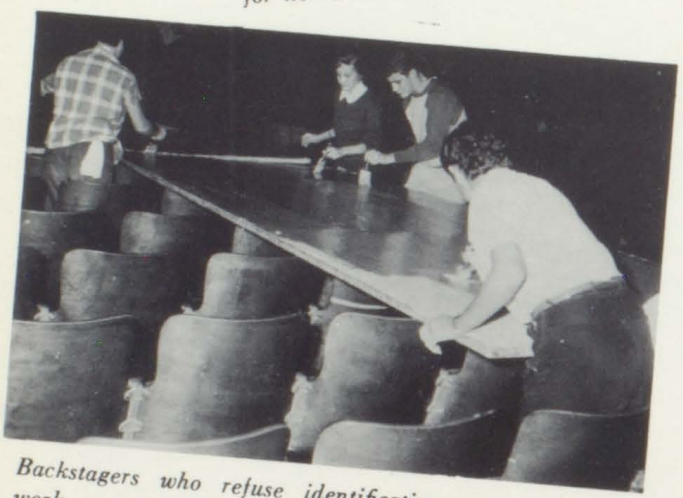
Drum Major Ronnie Campbell struts his stuff.

Mr. John Wise, director, and the Rome Free Academy Band played and gave marching demonstrations at all home football games. The band also made frequent appearances at assemblies. High points of the year were our fall dance and winter banquet.

SENIOR PLAY CAST

Front Row, left to right: L. Rumack, J. Soellner, P. Rhein, V. Nardozza, R. Mendoza, J. Wing, B. Evans. *Second Row:* A. Wilson, L. Watters, J. A. Gillette, D. Watson, P. Reh, E. Marks. *Third Row:* D. Wagar, R. Davison, A. Tamburrino, J. Szarek, H. Hyde, M. Clayton.

Mrs. Bates receives thanks of the cast for her able direction.



Backstagers who refuse identification work on scenery for "Not For Sale."

A tense moment as the crooks show their true colors.

"Not For Sale"

SENIOR PLAY

"Not For Sale," directed by Mrs. Curtis E. Bates, was given in December in the R.F.A. auditorium.

Mable Harding (Midge Clayton), an antique collector, gets her family and friends mixed up in a smugglers' ring. The chair her husband Bob (Ed Marks) bought to replace the one he sat on and broke contains a painting smuggled from the Louvre. Connie (Ann Wilson), Mable's sister, trying to evade ex-boy friend Homer Davidson (Dave Wagar), arrives in planty of time to get mixed up in the plot. Homer, following her, proves himself to Connie by discovering the painting.

Stella Graham (Peggy Reh), who sold the chair by mistake from the shop of Mrs. Harriet Hipple (Joanne Gillette), tells everyone the chair is not for sale. Bob Harding won't give it back. Harriet and her smooth talking business partner Barry Strum (Dick Davison) try to get it back. Finally they try force and almost get the chair with the help of Nick (Al Tamburrino), a hoodlum posing as an F.B.I. agent. Button collector Liz Carter (Donna Watson) and perfume collector Amelia Sinker (Lynn Watters) help their friend Mable by using their hobbies to foil the smugglers. Mark (Joe Szarek), the real F.B.I. agent arrives in time to give the reward for the painting to Bob and Mable.

Front Row, left to right: Anania, Sroka, George, Orendorff, Regetz, Newman, Garafalo, Kuliz, Potocki, Chiacaferro, Watson, Vecchio, Nold. *Second Row:* Nevinger, Plattenburg, Salob, Gillette, Realbuto, Barnard, Minor, Bean, Rossi, Cingranelli, Marasco, Stooks, Pomilio, Bartolomeo. *Third Row:* Lattanzio, Collins, Petrelli, Esposito, Carmella, Sgambellone, King, VanDreaser, Lobenhofer, Felice, Salvaggio, Colangelo.

OFFICIATING CLUB

The Officiating Club consists of all girls interested in the school's athletic program. Through meetings held twice each month, the membership of the Officiating Club carried on discussions of the rules and regulations of the various sports in which R.F.A. participates. Under the guidance of Miss Whitaker we received helpful and valuable information and performed service to the school.

GYM LEADERS

The Gym Leaders is an organization of girls who act as assistants in gym classes. The girls take roll, bring the gym classes to order, assist with class activity, and care for athletic equipment. Membership in this organization gives credit toward the block R's. We were fortunate this year in having a group of girls all of whom were interested in doing a job for their school.

Front Row, left to right: Burns, Wojdyla, Gruber, VanDreasar, Lobenhofer, Kimball, Lauber, Lewek, Joanis, Matrassi, Pinti, Akins, Chomin, Thomas, Pelow, Fazzi, Marcellus, Nigro, Bottini. *Second Row:* Smaldon, Mihm, Anania, Salob, Orendorff, Regetz, Newman, Tardbania, Potocki, LoRusso, Vecchio, Chiacaferro, Watson, Colangelo, Cingranelli, Smaldon. *Third Row:* Genther, Stanizzi, George, Murphy, Vano, Baldigo, Realbuto, Esposito, Sgambellone, Minor, Salvaggio, Jahnke, Spink, Malorzo, Perez, Nagy, Guido, Bartolomeo, Affanato, Cassler, Keeler, Greci, Flint. *Fourth Row:* Mizgala, Mandronica, Lauri, Anderson, Metzger, Revette, Rouillier, Lattanzio, Thomas, Garofalo, Carmella, King, Fiorenza, Gyngell, Smith, Palmer, Northway, Kemmy, Matt, Luczynski, Charlebois, Granger, Lombino, Ellic**

Front Row, left to right: McMahon, Brady, McMahon, Warnke, Doubleday (*Vice-President*), Greggains (*President*), Chyrwaty, Scritchfield, Cornish (*Secretary*), Chiacaferro, Watson, Potocki. *Second Row:* Rumack, Dawes, Connor, Butler Marturano, Dorn, Raak, Gochee, Rhein, Matt, McIntosh, Jones, Procopio. *Third Row:* Gifford, Vitale, West, Yager, White, Uvanni, Hammon.

RED CROSS SERVICE CLUB

Our service organization raised money through a membership drive, cookie sales, and a dance. We presented programs at Griffiss Air Force Base and the Oneida County Home, also shipped a chest to Europe for school children there. We took pride in an international album which we made to acquaint foreign students with Rome, the copper city.

Pat Rhein, Diane Doubleday, Nancy Greggains, and Dorothy Chyrwaty work on one of their contributions to service.

Improving their accent by recordings are Jack Eikenberg. Maxine Perfetti, Gary Higgins, Joe Szarek, and Carol Pepper.

The purpose of the German Club or "Deutsche Verein" is to further the study of Germany and its people. During the year our meetings were held once a month with special ones for parties or luncheons. We gave German skits, played games, and enjoyed singing German folk songs.

GERMAN CLUB

Front Row, left to right: Palhamous, Thomas, Perfetti, Williams, Higgins (*Treasurer*), Raak (*Secretary*), Pepper (*President*), Szarek (*Vice-President*), Gruber, Boriack, Burns. *Second Row:* Yingling, Frankey, Link, Eikenberg, Montalbano, Jones, Engelbert.

Front Row, left to right: Mortis, Flint, Gyngell, Lauber, Baldigo, Miller, Lombardo, Wood, McCormick, Trino, Petinelli, Hart, Magercell, Major, Hammon, Lewis, Griffiths. *Second Row:* Phillips, Hyatt, Soboleski, Mizgala, Gifford, Rumack, Taverna (*Secretary*), Larkin (*President*), Sherwood (*Vice-President*), Soboleski, Camadine, Chiacaferro, Watson, Dolan, Rushlow. *Third Row:* Mheme, Anderson, Anderson, Smith, Bird, Lewek, Weber, Davis, Spado, Guggi, Nole, Kraunz, Marturano, O'Neil, Potocki, Petrician, Greci, Donovan, Murphy. *Fourth Row:* Traxel, Birley, Griffiths, Bronson, Spoeller, Southern, Frankie, Paul, Sherwood, Patterson, Smith, Chrysler, Salisbury, Bak, Williams.

SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Sheila Baldigo, Don Sherwood, Loretta Soboleski, and Nelson Maycock demonstrate "four hands 'round."

The Social Square-Dancing Club of Rome Free Academy was organized last year under the leadership of Coach Wightman. Our membership doubled this year, our enthusiasm also doubled, and we had a very enjoyable and successful year.

The Secca-Types are a group of girls who have but one purpose in mind and that purpose is to be of service to the faculty. The members of the club typed tests, notes, and other work the teachers wished them to do.

The girls also worked in the office filing cards, typing, or doing other stenographic work.

SECCA-TYPES

Jeannette Malarzo, Jean Duffy, and Isabel Lo Russo work on a secretarial project.

Front Row, left to right: M. Colluccio, S. Kirkland, J. Malarzo, I. LoRusso (*President*), J. Duffy (*Vice-President*), D. Watson, A. Chiacaferro, S. Camadine, J. Greci. *Second Row:* J. Hammon, J. Davis, J. Gillette, P. Knauer, P. Kimball, S. Watkins, G. Marcoccia, E. Dorn.

SLINGERLAND

Slingerland contestants prepared for the preliminary contest during which five boys and five girls were chosen to compete in this prize speaking contest in the spring. The juniors and seniors who made the prelims competed for the prize of one half the income of a fund of two thousand dollars.

Front Row, left to right: Elizabeth May, Jane Sykes, Nancy Paulhamous, Roberts Williams. *Second Row:* Lynnette Watters, Peggy Thurber, Martha Boriack, Marsha Sullivan. *Third Row:* Joseph Szarek, David Wagar, Nelson Maycock.

Nancy Paulhamous polishes up her technique.

Leigh Rumack traces French waterway for scholars Barbara Yaffee, Joe Szarek, Kay Lavarnway, and Grace Clark.

Front Row, left to right: S. O'Shea, P. Rhein (*Inter-Club Repr.*), D. Doubleday (*Treasurer*), K. Lavarnway (*Secretary*), B. Stevens (*President*), G. Clark (*Vice-President*), L. Rumack, B. Yaffee, K. Baumler. *Second Row:* B. Jones, V. Conner, N. Greggains, J. McIntosh, B. Cornish, J. Stovall, H. Hughes, J. Mathis.

FRENCH CLUB

Le Cercle Francais gave us opportunities in practical application of the French language. Our meetings and entertainments were all in French. At the end of the year we prepared and served a banquet of French foods. We feel that our club brought us closer to French life, customs, and language.

VERITAS VINCIT

Veritas Vincit is an organization consisting of thirty girls interested in college and professional training after graduation. The outstanding activities of the year were the Christmas party and the blue jean dance, both of which were a success. Trips to various colleges in the area were planned by the members and approved by Mrs. Curtis Bates, club advisor.

Barbara Sears, Pat Rhein, Jean Soellner, and Ann Barnard discuss college plans.

Front Row, left to right: B. Blades, K. Lavarnway, A. Barnard, B. Sears (*Secretary*), T. Marks (*Vice-President*), P. Rhein (*President*), G. Hildenbrandt (*Treasurer*), L. Rumack, J. Soellner, P. Thurber, D. Doubleday. *Second Row:* J. Anderson, M. O'Neill, M. Perfetti, C. Pepper, L. Watters, E. Raak, R. Williams, K. Baumler, N. Shaffer, J. Ruby. *Third Row:* M. Plattenburg, J. Scritchfield, K. Scothon, A. Minor, S. DeHimer, M. Stevens, M. Clayton, P. Knauer.

Joyce Stewart, Joanne Daniello, and Juanita Davis make light work of library chore.

Front Row, left to right: Sikora, Spado, Daniello, Viverito, Stewart, Greggains, Gochee (*President*), Davis, Clark, Watson, Chicaferro, O'Neill, Stedman. *Second Row:* Griffiths, Birley, Schmidt, Marturano, Wheeler, Holder, Catello, Soboloski, Peters, Chyrwaty, O'Connor, Affanato, May, Willcox. *Third Row:* Santoro, Lewis, Bak, Sykes, Hall, Schug, Simiele, Thomas, Caparelli, Hammon, Barnes, Warner.

LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Council gives its services to Rome Free Academy. The staff checks and shelves books keeps the library and the bulletin board attractive and pleasant, and helps keep the library working smoothly. In addition to the noon hour meetings, evening parties were held for the entertainment of the members.

VP Szarek explains proposed project to council brass Pete Vrooman, Sheila O'Shea, and Joyce Kiskadden.

The Student Council, composed of homeroom chairman and class officers, plans many of the activities in which students participate. The Council also sponsors worthwhile projects such as "Operation, Santa Claus." This project helped obtain warm clothing, toys, and school supplies for South Korean children.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Front Row, left to right: Viviani, Regetz, Glockner, Kiskadden (*Secretary*), O'Shea (*President*), Frasca, Stumpo, Nigro, Kirkland, Fusco, Viviani, Wood, Barnard. *Second Row:* Szarek (*Vice-President*), McDonald, Chase, Whitcomb, Dion (*Senior Vice-President*), DeCarolis. *Third Row:* Vrooman, Gorski, West, Eikenberg, Larkin, Atkinson, Bidwell. *Fourth Row:* Brognano, Malarzo, Bottini, Higgins, DiBernadino.

Front Row, left to right: Donald Jones (*Junior Class President*), Anne Barnard (*Interclub Council President*), Sheila O'Shea (*Student Association President*), Joyce Kiskadden (*Student Association Secretary*), Vincent DeCarolis (*Sophomore Class President*). *Second Row:* David Wagar (*Commissioner of the B.S.I.*), Richard Lenio (*Senior Class President*), Joe Szarek (*Vice-President of Student Association*).

STUDENT CABINET

The Student Cabinet is the executive department of our student government. It supervises school activities and represents the entire student body when transacting business with outside agencies. The Cabinet is composed of Student Association officers, the class presidents, the commissioner of the BSI, the president of Inter-Club Council, the principal and assistant principal, the co-ordinator of extra-curricular activities, and the faculty treasurer.

Meeting informally, advisor Miss Kingsley scans plans of Joyce Kiskadden, Joe Szarek, and Sheila O'Shea.

President Anne Barnard discusses club finances with Bob Jones.

Several times a year the Inter-Club Council meets to discuss any difficulties that have come up concerning the clubs at R. F. A. Each club, therefore, has one member represented at the council meetings. Any problem that a club wishes brought up in the cabinet is presented by the Inter-Club Council's president who is a regular member of the cabinet.

INTER-CLUB COUNCIL

Front Row, left to right: Sally Kirkland, Pat Rhein (*Secretary*), Anne Barnard (*President*), Phyllis Warnke, Grace Vecchio. *Second Row:* Shirley Affanato, Nancy Greggins, Robert Jones, JoAnne Gillette, Nancy Palhamous.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

Music at its finest in music appreciation.

Citizenship class discovers what makes government tick.

Weary study hall at the end of the day.

Pondering the miracles of construction in mechanical drawing.

A cooking class learns how to be happy homemakers.

Research work in the library.

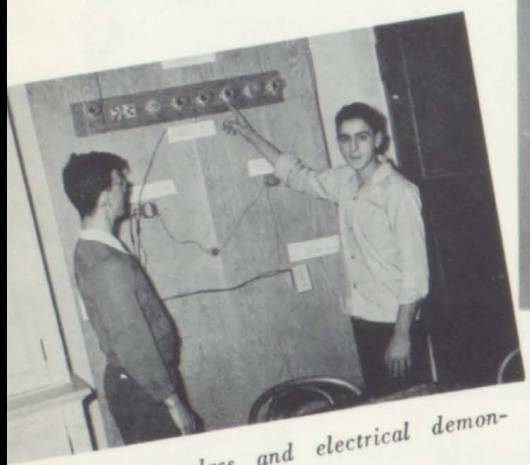
Sorting type in the print shop.

Bookkeeping class at work on the daily ledger.

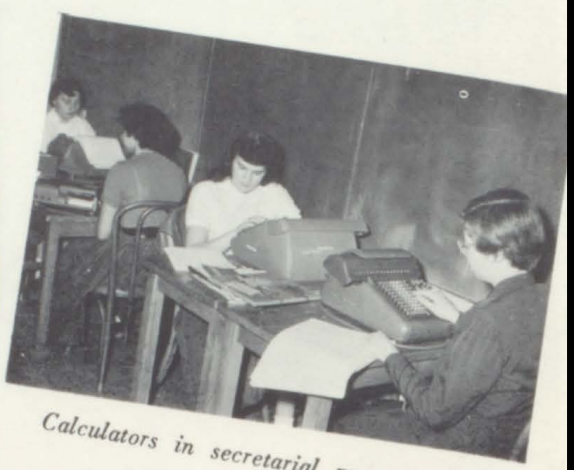
Typewriting class and business letters.

Class Activities

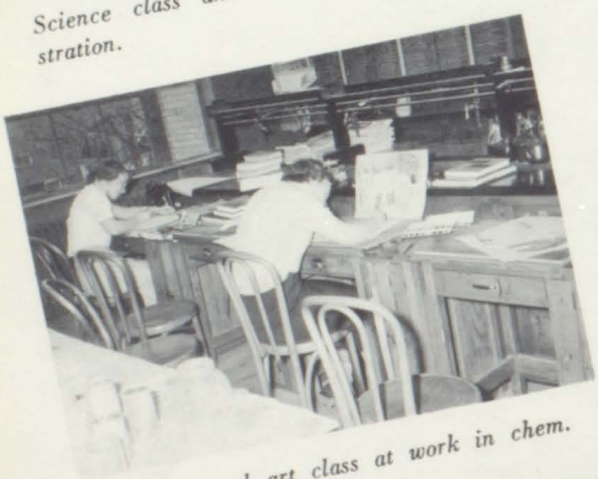
Operating the ditto machine in office practice.



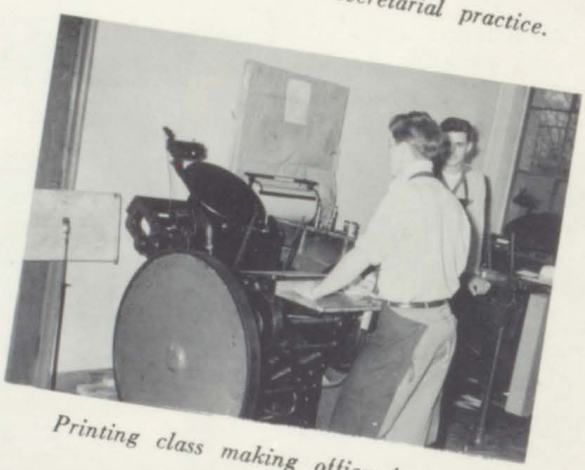
Science class and electrical demonstration.



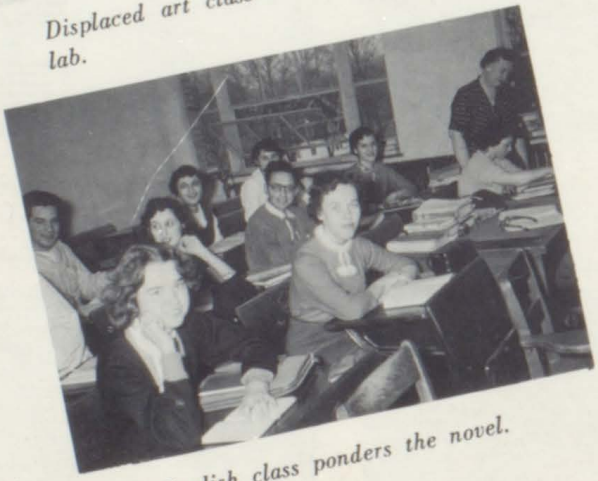
Calculators in secretarial practice.



Displaced art class at work in chem. lab.



Printing class making office forms.



English class ponders the novel.

N.Y. State Employment Service visits the guidance office.

SPORTS

FOOTBALL

A lot of work goes into making a football team.

An ambitious Rome Free Academy team opened the season with a victory over Ilion. Coach Grant's charges, employing the split T for the first time, defeated Ilion 7 to 6.

On the following Friday Rome absorbed a defeat by Watertown. The game was played on even terms until the waning moments of the fourth quarter when a fumble and an interception set up two Watertown touchdowns. The defensive work of the Rome forward line was outstanding, holding our opponents to 85 yards gained rushing.

Front Row, left to right: Barr, Douglas, Greene, Bronson, Burlison, Frankey, Coluccio, Owens, Bird, Maio. *Second Row:* Seaton, Faroni, Bottini, Healy, Lenio, Hill, Updike, Guglielmo, Alessi, Pomento. *Third Row:* Parks, Lupinski, Alessi, Hatter, Burns, Hernandez, Don Sherwood, Dale Sherwood, Campbell, Spaller. *Fourth Row:* Gorski, Hughes, Benedetto, Nole, Guerierri, Vaccaro, Spado, Miner, Holtz, Kirk, Summerfelt, O'Donnell. *Fifth Row:* Manager Pangburn, Coach Fornal, Coach Grant, Manager Drisgula.

In its third encounter Rome defeated Gloversville 14 to 7. For the first time Rome's potentially dynamic offense showed signs of coming to life. With Pat Pomento calling the plays, Jim Hatter scored first with a 22 yard run, and O'Donell soon followed with the winning TD.

An undefeated Auburn eleven kept its record unblemished with a 13 to 0 victory over Rome. Led by co-captains Burns and Hatter, with able assistance from Healy, Hill, and Guerrieri, the team showed plenty of spirit as it threatened time and time again.

Despite the loss of two regular quarterbacks, Rome took Proctor 6 to 0. Pete Vrooman converted from halfback to quarterback for the game and in the last minutes of the fourth period threw a 35 yard scoring pass to Hatter. Led on defense by Bob Hill and Dick Lenio, the Rome line contained the Proctor running game while an active Rome backfield made itself the despair of the Proctor passing attack.

In its sixth game the Romans overran a favored Whitesboro team by a score of 39 to 15. Led by quarterback Moe Burlison, the team realized its potential and showed itself to be a real powerhouse. Hatter, a standout on both offense and defense, ran for three touchdowns, the first a dazzling run of 46 yards on the second play of the game. Also scoring for Rome were Tony Guglielmo, Joe Nole, and Nick Bottini.

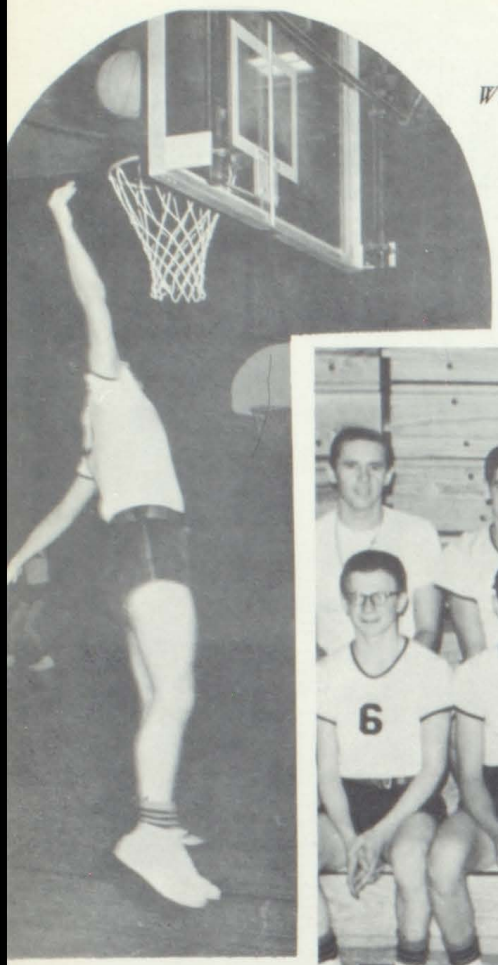
The traditional Rome - U.F.A. game took place on a field of snow and mud; conditions did not hamper R.F.A. as it piled up a 34 to 0 score. Guerrieri highlighted his final season in R.F.A. football by carrying two blocked punts for touchdowns. Burlison found the range, hitting Nole and Gorski for touchdowns, and Hatter added to his ground gaining record by returning the second half kickoff 90 yards for a score.

In the final game of the season Rome was host to Oneida. Rated very much the underdog, Oneida held the R.F.A. eleven to a 12 to 12 tie.

It's a rough game! But Healy rises to fight again.

A jubilant team after Ilion win.

Hatter races 64 yards against Whitesboro.



Whittman goes up for an easy score.

Basketball

Front Row, left to right: J. Fouts, R. Perette, J. Atkinson, D. Wimett, B. Pomento, R. Jones, J. Eikenberg, A. Forenza, J. Nole. *Second Row:* Coach Skwarek, N. Bottini, J. Lupia, J. Amidon, J. Whittman, C. Sherrill, A. Faroni, V. Coccia, Manager D. Flannagan.

Fast break which tied up Whitesboro.

SCHEDULE

Rome	53	Oneida	44
Rome	52	U. C. A.	54
Rome	37	Proctor	41
Rome	48	New Hartford	53
Rome	52	St. Francis	57
Rome	42	Whitesboro	56
Rome	53	U. F. A.	63
Rome		S. A. A.	
Rome		U. C. A.	
Rome		Proctor	
Rome		Auburn	
Rome		New Hartford	
Rome		St. Francis	
Rome		Whitesboro	
Rome		Auburn	
Rome		U. F. A.	
Rome		Oneida	
Rome		S. A. A.	

We regret that our early deadline precludes our giving all the scores. We will issue additional scores when the books come out.

High scorer Fiorenza lets one go.

Baseball

Dick Lenio shows how to pick 'em off the wall.

Front Row, left to right: F. Vivani, J. McCarthy, R. Edick, C. Dutcher, D. Kirk, F. Dion. *Second Row:* J. Borden, T. Coluccio, B. Hill, D. Healy, M. Burlison, R. Lenio, A. Parks. *Third Row:* Coach Skwarek, D. Dutcher, D. Davison, R. Hahn, W. Robinson, M. Mizgala, Manager Szarek.

Pitcher Hahn and batter Healy in spring training.

The R.F.A. varsity nine showed a wealth of spirit as it compiled a record of six wins and seven losses. Dan Dutcher, who opened the season with a sensational one-hit victory over Oneida, Mike Mizgala, Bill Robinson, Dick Davison, and Dick Hahn ably handled the mound chores for the team.

Five senior infielders have graduated as has one senior outfielder. The team for the coming season will be built around a small nucleus of junior and sophomore players who have had experience with the varsity, plus players who are obtained from a seasoned junior varsity team. Those who have left the team have given those who will play this year a feeling of spirit and good sportsmanship which will make a successful season.

Front Row, left to right: R. Tyksinski, D. Bergstrom, K. Curley, R. Flint, P. Vrooman, A. DiAmbrosi, N. Thomas, M. Burlison, J. Pendorf. *Second Row:* R. Hahn, R. Bird, D. Healy, R. Lenio, J. Herbst, D. Harris, R. Alessi, C. Bertrand. *Absent when picture was taken:* P. Fitsik, G. Viggiano.

Hockey

With six regulars returning from last year's squad and several boys who showed up well on the J.V. team, the R.F.A. hockey team is prepared for the customary rough schedule. The '54 team will have four experienced defense men returning to bolster the team in the persons of Healy, Herbst, Bertrand, and Burlison. Lenio, and Bergstrom, two veteran linesmen will also strengthen the team. With this basic power to work with, Rome should produce another one of the teams of which we have been justly proud.

RFA's Norman Thomas scores after pulling Valley goalie out of position.

R.F.A. grappler Paul Hughes circles his opponent;

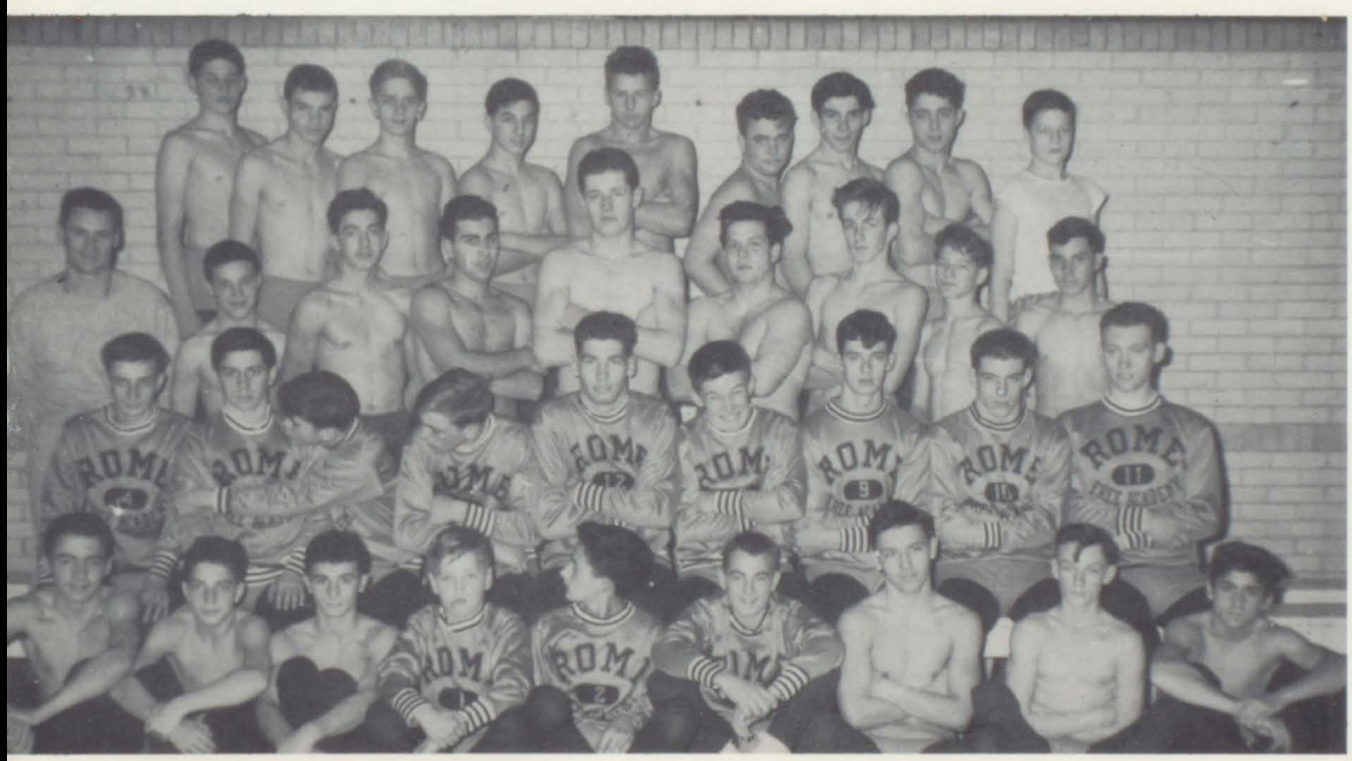
Wrestling

Under the direction of Coach Ed Weed, R.F.A.'s '54 wrestling team was a standout in its division. This year the team entered the Central Oneida League and proved itself to be a power in this league. The team took its first match by a score of 50 to 5 and followed it up with a trouncing of the Baldwinsville grapplers by an impressive 46 to 0 score. With a constant backlog of young wrestlers to call on, wrestling is well on its way to becoming a major sport at R.F.A.

each tries for a hold;

here's the beginning of the end.

Front Row, left to right: Gould, M. Wheeler, Daniello, Matt, Urtz, Mauer, Perry, Messler, Jeffery. *Second Row:* Bailey, Seymour, Pickett, Barr, Hughes, J. Trybolski, Spaller, Hatter, Burdock. *Third Row:* Coach Weed, D. Wheeler, Mosca, Stagliano, Wojdyla, Seaton, Gafner, J. Abbott, Urtz. *Fourth Row:* Seigler, Reh, Clark, Zigrino, T. Trybolski, La Gasse, D. Abbott, Seifert, Manager Drisgula.



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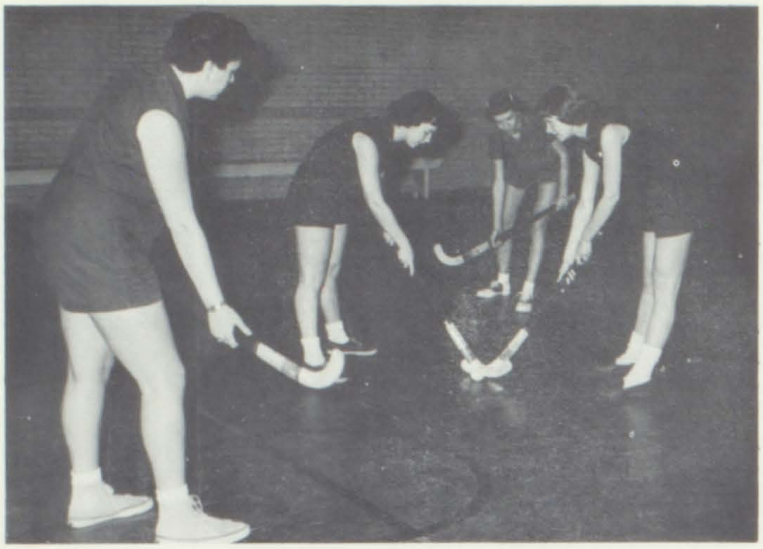
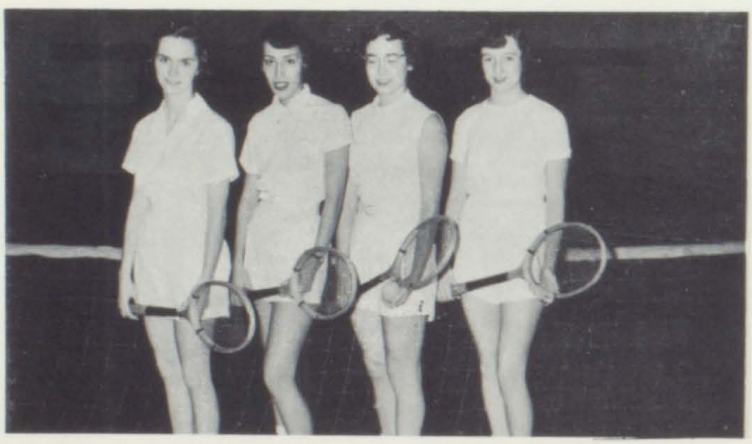


FIELD HOCKEY — C. Realbuto, N. Barnard, S. Glockner, S. De Himer.

BASKETBALL — D. Thomas, G. Vecchio, R. Lemmon.

TRACK — A. Lewek, K. Fouts, M. L. Bean, A. Minor, B. Spencer.

We show on these pages scenes from the girls' intramural program at R.F.A. Although there is no varsity athletic program for girls, opportunity for inter-scholastic participation is offered through invitation games at the various schools in the area. Most of the girls who take part in intramurals also take part in these invitation games.



TENNIS — S. O'Shea, L. Rumack, B. Sears, K. Baumler.

SOFTBALL — M. Hojnacki, D. Cabo, D. Newman, E. Stooks, D. Weber, M. Hyatt.

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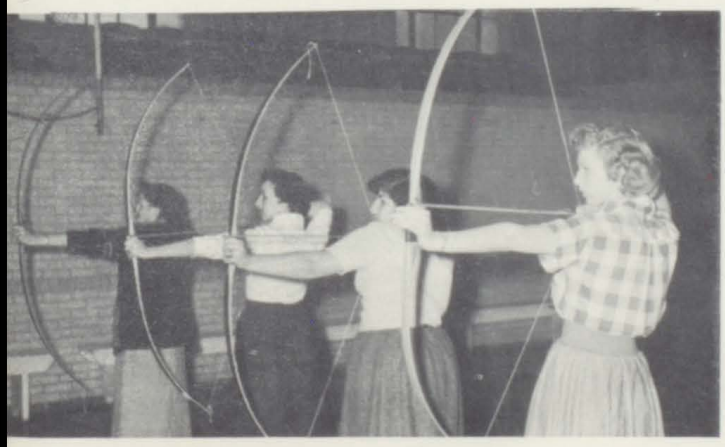
FIELD HOCKEY — M. Phetterplace, V. Jones, B. Charlesbois.

BASKETBALL — J. Stovall, G. Garofalo, B. Marasco, J. Felice, B. Smaldon.

BASKETBALL — P. Graham, B. Caramella, M. Marcellus, B. Gardner, D. Thomas, L. Bingham.

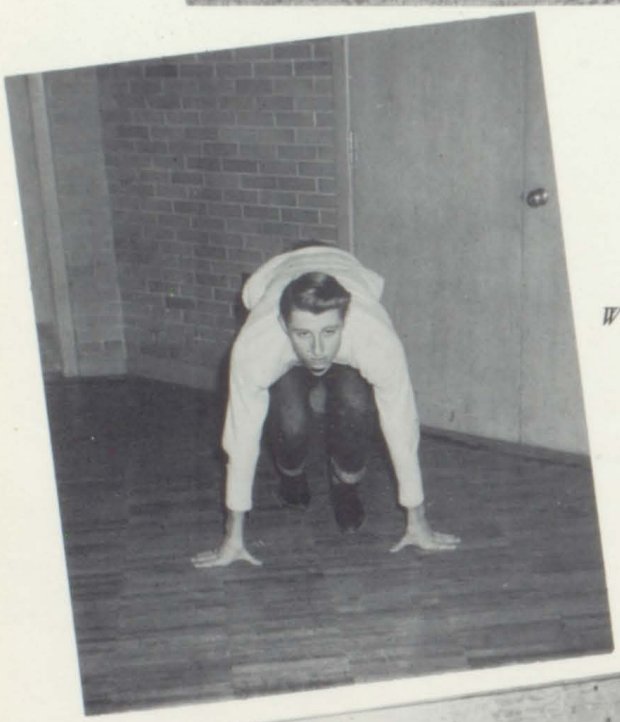
SOFTBALL — R. Mendoza.

ARCHERY — T. Lattanzio, I. Lo Russo, M. Cardello, D. Potocki.



ARCHERY TEAM — *First Row, left to right:* E. Stooks, B. Jahnke, A. Chiacaferro, T. Lattanzio, M. Cardello, D. Watson. *Second Row:* C. Nold, B. Kraunz, L. Genther, A. Di George, S. Pomilio, D. Potocki, I. Lo Russo.

Front Row, left to right: Pycior, Gorski, Sledzona, Greene, Scully, Pickett, Christman, Spaller, Bird, Sherwood. *Second Row:* Matt, Parker, Alessi, Frankie, Pouliot, Seaton, Campbell, Swierczewski, Douglas, Archer. *Third Row:* Hodges, Van Vechten, Sherwood, Hatter, Cassel, Burns, Gigliotti, Yerger, O'Donnel, Mgr. Hoffman, Mgr. Burgdorf, Coach Hartman, Coach Fornal.

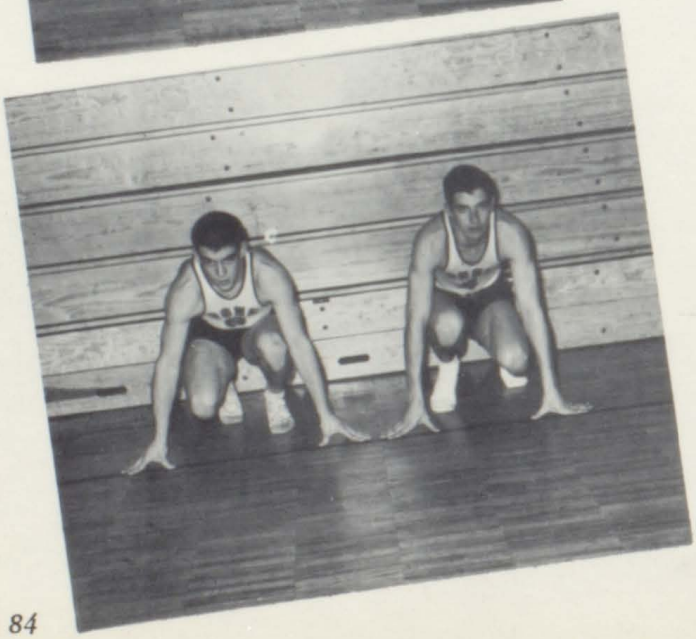


Winter worker Van Vechten practices starts.

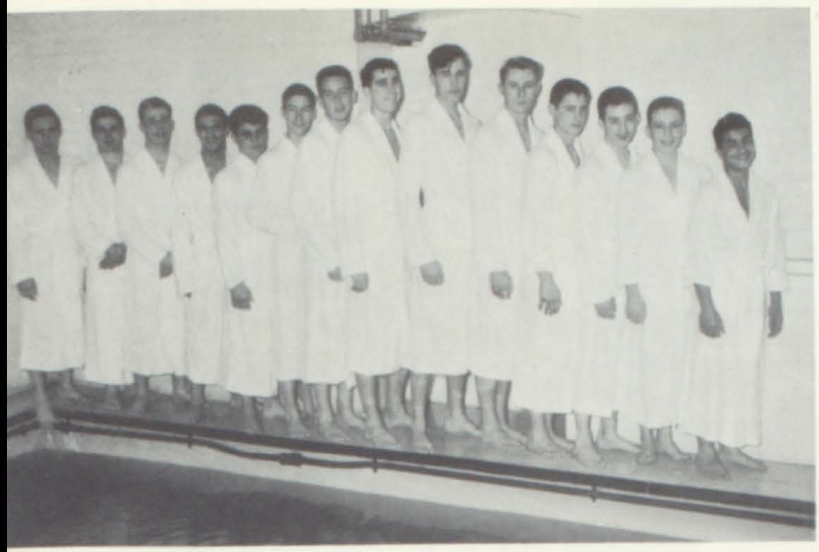
Track

Last year's R.F.A. had a successful season, winning three out of four dual meets with its greatest victory that over U.F.A. The team also won several events at the Utica Invitational, Rome Relay Carnival, Utica Sectionals, and the Central Oneida League meet. Steve Swierzewski, Clarence Van Vechten, Sidney Parker, and Roger Cassell also were representatives of this section in the intersectional meet at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

The coming season finds the team in good shape with strong hopes for another good season; several lettermen are returning and a number of newcomers show promise.



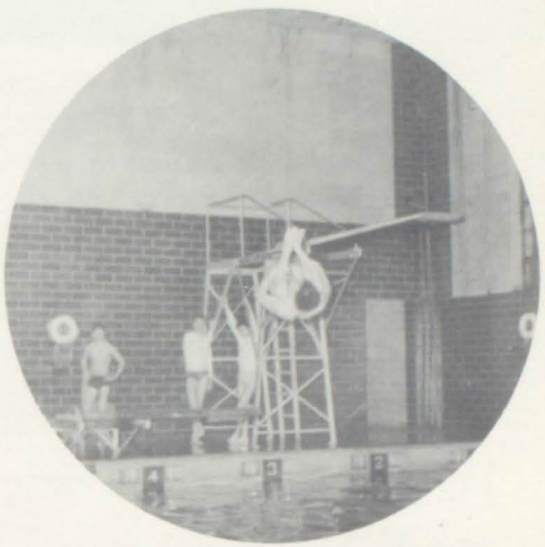
Hatter and Spaller on the mark.



Swimming

Front Row, left to right: R. Bidwell, C. Viscosi, B. Stevens, K. Douglas, R. Pinti, B. Johnson, E. Marks, W. Hughes, C. Paul, C. Van Vechten, R. Bronson, P. Cerjan, R. Karpinski, W. Soriano.

Bob Pinti goes over and under.



After last year's successful season, the R.F.A. swimming team looked forward to a year of achievement. The squad retained a great deal of its previous strength with the return of veterans Bill Stevens, Bob Bidwell, Ed Marks, Henry Douglas, Bob Pinti, Warren Hughes, John Strong, Paul Crejan, and Bill Johnson.

Neither rain nor fog stops the run of Jerry Fouts.

The R.F.A. Cross-Country team in its first year of competition captured the league championship. The team also competed at the Baldwinsville Invitational, the Watertown Invitational, and the sectionals at Proctor. Although this was only its first competitive year, the team has made great headway and the sport is increasing in popularity in the school.

Cross-Country

Front Row, left to right: D. Wimett, J. Fouts, R. Tykinski, D. Bowman, F. Messler, B. Johnson, B. Reh, R. Cassel, S. Finley. *Second Row:* Coach Skwarek, B. Stevens, J. Atkinson, F. Cook, W. Hughes, C. Van Vechten, S. Oltman, J. Lupia, J. Parks, J. Eikenberg.

Front Row, left to right: Maxine Perfetti, Elaine Lauri, Carol Viviani, Ann-Marie Pinti, Jean Duffy.

Rome's most ardent fans give a welcome to S.A.A.

VARSITY

Urging their school's teams on to victory are the R.F.A. varsity cheerleaders. In rain or shine the cheerleaders can be seen leading the student body in cheers and yells. This group helps to lend color and spirit to the athletic activities of R.F.A.

JUNIOR VARSITY

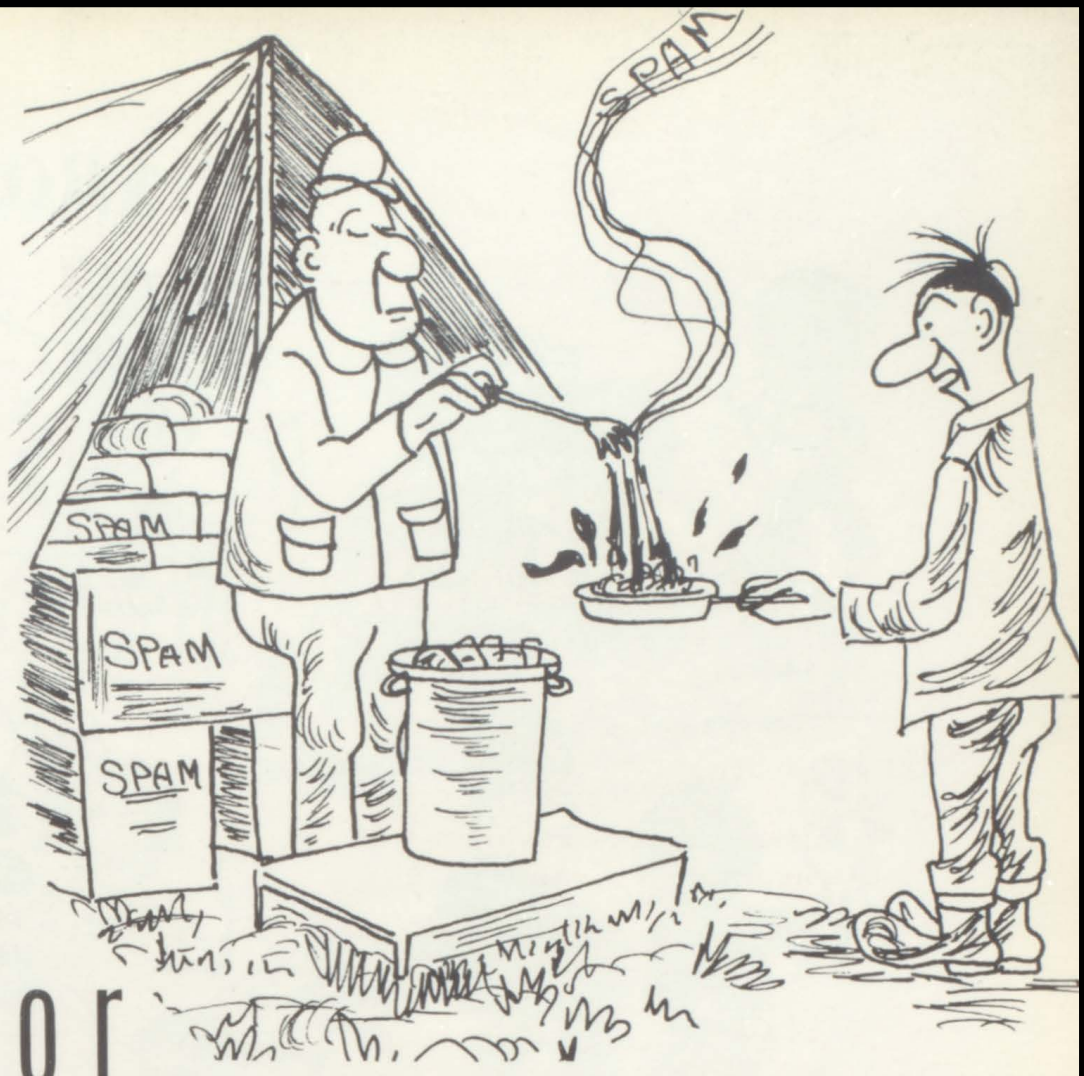
Pat King leads the way in "ring around the rosie."

Cheerleaders

The JV cheerleaders, ten strong, do their best to cheer our junior varsity teams on to victory. The practice that these girls put in in attempting to secure a varsity berth is terrific. Win or lose, they are the teams' most ardent supporters.

Front Row, left to right: Kay La Plante, Pat King, Angela Gualtieri. *Second Row:* Charlotte Mandronica, June McCormick, Marsha Stevens, Marilyn Reader, Phyllis Wojdyla.

TAKE IT



or

LEAVE IT

PROPHECY FOR

Bell Hop
Don Gafner

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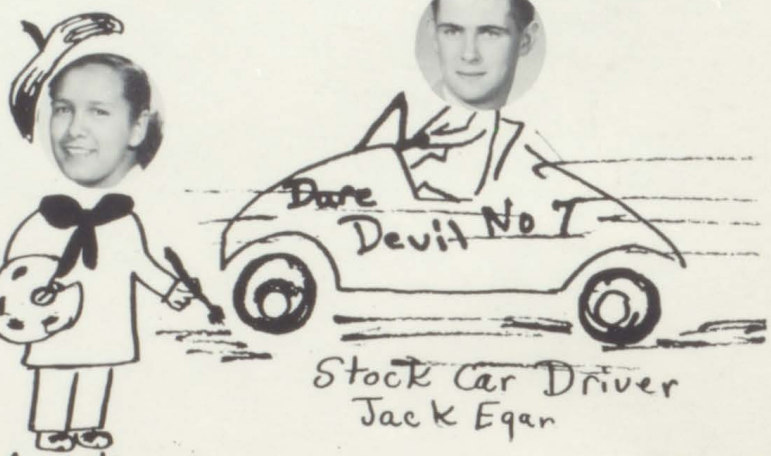

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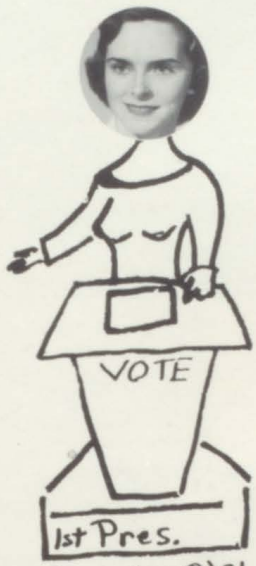

Shiela O'Shea

Alfred Tamburiano

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Housewife
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Gardner

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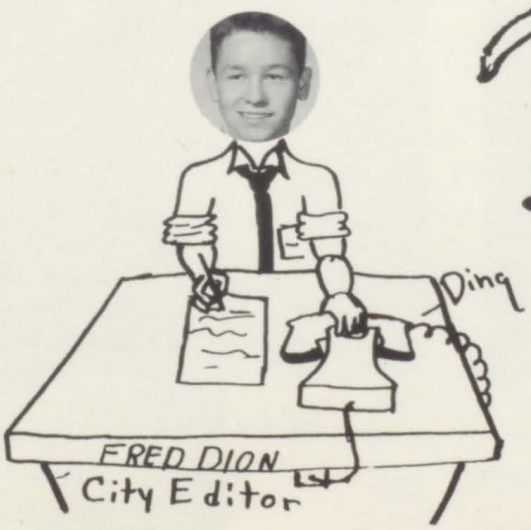
Vivanni



Ding

Long Ago

Diane Doubleday

Joanne Gillette

Dean Bergstrom

Rita Fenton

Donna Watson

Dick Hahn

Juanita Davis

Bill Stevens

Jean Soellner

Jeanette LoMascola

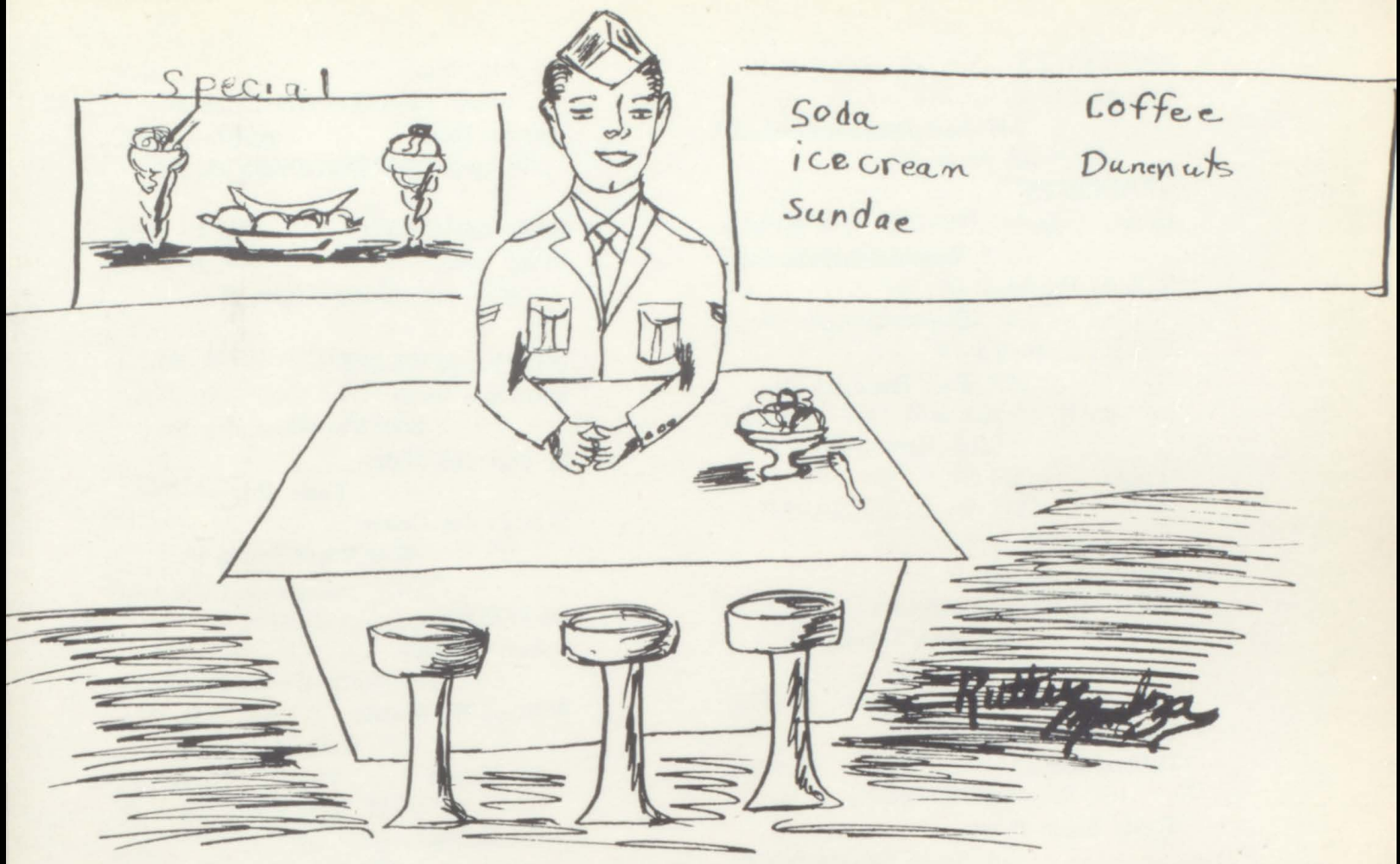
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

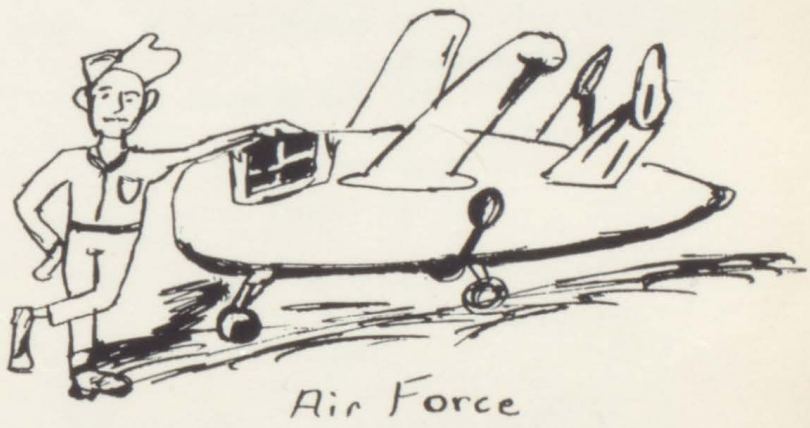
Pat Taylor ..... Dick Lenio
Connie Petronella ..... Cliff Bertrand
Midge Clayton ..... Dick Davison
Gail Hildenbrandt ..... Tom Coluccio
Jeanette Anderson ..... Bob Spargo
Doris Gwyther ..... Bernie Richardson
Dorothy Weber ..... Ronald Lupinski
Kay Lavarnway ..... Pete Updike
Rita Fenton ..... Dom Montopoli
Grace Clark ..... Jack Getbehead
Shirley Joanis ..... Dave Judson
Joyce Stewart ..... Bob Stephans
Anna Bak ..... Harold Miller
Rita Evangelist ..... Tony Guglielmo
Joan Lutz ..... Gerry Goetz
Betty Sawyer ..... Dick Hahn
Marilyn Thomas ..... Tommy Burns
Jean Soellner ..... Joe Benner
Kay Lavarnway ..... Pete Updike
Janice Wing ..... Dave Wagar

WHO SAID THAT?

Isabel Lo Russo ..... *Su-fa-na-gun.*
Joe DelPico ..... *Get serious*
Don Healy ..... *Breeze, disease.*
Joe DelPica ..... *Get serious.*
Bob Amidon ..... *I say old chap.*
Delores Dixon ..... *Did your friend call?*
James Larkin ..... *Gu-ar-dino.*
Rosine Cianfracio ..... *Chit-ti-gitty-goo.*
Betty Peters ..... *Get with it.*
Sonia Straub ..... *I'm givin' up boys.*
Barbara Strohl ..... *Oh, Sonya!*
Grace Clark ..... *Bon jour.*
Pat Graham ..... *Oh, suit yourself.*
Sally Kirkland ..... *What a boppie character.*
Pat Witusik ..... *oh, fie!*
Dick Lenio ..... *Hey, simple.*
Dick Dorsino ..... *Take off, stupid*
Pat Rhein ..... *You're not with it.*
Diane Doubleday ..... *Gee, that's neat.*
Nancy Greggins ..... *Are you for real?*

Looking Back





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